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Last republican detainees released in Ulster

es, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, detention without trial in Ulster yesterday, 52 months, by releasing the 46 remaining lican prisoners from the Maze prison at Long Kesh. He said detention had been an important cause of discontent. The Provisional IRA's ruling council is expected to meet shortly in the Irish republic to discuss tactics.

IRA now aims to get prisoners freed

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effort to deflect inter- sympathy and local Catholic support from visional IRA, the British nent yesterday aban- detention without trial, as been a constant cause troversy in Northern for the past 52 months. Rees, the Secretary of aking the most calculated l risk since his arrival at nt Castle in February, ent against the advice but not all of the security rs of the security forces asing the last 46 republi- mainees from the Maze at Long Kesh.

of the last through the was Mr Martin Meehan, nder of the Provisional battalion inside the camp ntil his detention, the t the top of the Army's list throughout Northern l. He indicated that the onal IRA would switch ention to securing the of convicted members jails in Northern Ireland the English mainland.

response was predictable, ting the difficulties fac- ne Government in its ts to move towards an solution of the Irish a. From the "loyalists" expressions of anger and that detention had without adequate alterna- rovision. Leading Roman ic politicians and church- welcomed the news but ssed the hope that the ional IRA had been ed of its main propaganda n.

Provisionals' ruling army council is understood to have arranged a secret meeting in the Irish republic to discuss tactics in the light of the decision. But British security chiefs accept that there will be no slackening in the new wave of violence which has affected London, Belfast and border areas.

In Dublin, Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, dismissed the move. "The central issue is not whether the British intern, torture or even murder Irish people", it said. "We reiterate that a public decision to disengage is the only basis for a permanent peace in Ireland."

Mr Rees had for long made it known that he was determined to end detention by Christmas despite the latest violence. Yesterday he signed release orders for 73 detainees. Of those, 27 were not freed immediately because they are serving prison sentences, of which all but seven will end later this month.

Many of those released were regarded by military intelligence as hard-core members of the Provisional IRA, including former leaders of battalions and companies in different parts of Northern Ireland and several explosives experts.

Mr Rees said that if necessary he was prepared to resume detention. Power to do so remains. "The real responsibility now lies with the people of Northern Ireland", he said. "If I have to go back to detention, it won't be my fault; it will be that of those men still determined to carry on killing, murdering and blowing up buildings."

In fact, Mr Rees and his senior advisers are known to be extremely unwilling ever to return to the old system. Only widespread violence on a level not seen before in Northern Ireland might force them to change their minds.

Explaining his conviction that detention had been a real and continuing cause of discontent, Mr Rees said: "No society can survive without the rule of law. So far this year 1,136 people have been charged. The prison population has gone up by 35 per cent. This is what matters, not a temporary system of detention."

One of the many members of the minority community who backed him was Mr Gerard Fitt, leader of the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party. He said: "There is no doubt that the continued existence of internment was a great morale booster for the Provisional IRA and undoubtedly led to them getting finance from Irish-Americans for whom it was an emotional issue. I have no doubt that much of that will now stop."

Politicians from all the main political parties in the Irish republic and the moderate Alliance Party in Northern Ireland expressed their relief. But strident criticism was levelled at Mr Rees from all loyalist quarters.

The official Unionists, regarded as the most moderate members of the tripartite loyalist coalition, described the decision as disgusting and abhorrent, a response generally shared by other Protestant politicians.

Mr William Craig's Vanguard Unionist Party said the ending of detention was another act of appeasement which it believed would do nothing to halt the Provisional IRA's military campaign.

"Mr Rees has made yet another major blunder in his handling of security policy by releasing hundreds of trained bombers and gunmen who will be used by the Provisional IRA in the future months", the party said.

Mr Craig, himself said: "I think he [Mr Rees] is making a mistake, but he has reserved the right to reintroduce detention. I think there will be an upsurge of IRA terrorism at some point in time and I can envisage a situation when detention will have to be reintroduced."

The Rev Ian Paisley, MP, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said that Mr Rees had fulfilled his deal with the IRA. But he added: "Detention without trial threw the entire Roman Catholic population into the hands of the IRA. It was the best bonus the IRA ever received."

The Unionist Party of Northern Ireland, led by Mr Brian Faulkner, called the decision to end detention "an appalling gamble". He added: "It is a cold-blooded decision taken without due regard to the security situation . . . We now await a security initiative to demonstrate that the ending of detention is not the first step in the granting of all the demands of the IRA."

Cardinal Conway, Primate of All Ireland, said: "I think this is a wise decision. Detention

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A group of children freed by the terrorists leaves the Indonesian consulate in Amsterdam.

Terrorist and hostages injured in explosion on hijacked train

From Robert Fisk
Amsterdam, Dec 5

A Moluccan gunman, one of six holding 38 passengers hostage in a train near Beilen in Holland, was seriously wounded by an explosion in one of the carriages this evening. The police were unclear as to the cause of the blast, which also injured two of the hostages. They were alerted when the guerrillas demanded help over their field radio.

As well as the badly wounded gunman, three people were allowed to leave the train. They were an elderly couple named as Mr and Mrs Van Ter Veer, and another passenger. Mr Van Ter Veer was reported to have a broken leg, his wife was suffering from shock and the other passenger was injured by the explosion.

The injured gunman was the first casualty among the guerrillas in the four days since the hijacking. Police were at the man's bedside in hospital at Assen, about 20 miles from Beilen, tonight. Two ambulances were sent to collect the wounded, although no policemen were on board the vehicles.

The gunman and one of the passengers had been hurt by flying metal. It looked as though a stock of explosives, perhaps brought on to the train for use later by the guerrillas, had been detonated prematurely.

It had earlier been a day of prolonged and sometimes macabre negotiations. Terrorists, who are holding 19 men, women and children in the Indonesian Consulate in Amsterdam released seven Indonesian child prisoners.

They were apparently preparing for another 24 hours of siege. The police brought crates of hot Indonesian food to the consulate while at Beilen, some hours before the shooting, canisters of food had been handed over to the depressed and hungry hostages who had been sitting on the train for three days.

Mr Joop den Uyl, the Dutch Prime Minister, announced at a press conference tonight that there was still no question of allowing the guerrillas, who have already killed the driver and two passengers on the train, to leave Holland.

His statement may have been deliberately intended to fluster the terrorists and their growing desperation was painfully illustrated tonight when a gunman in the Indonesian Consulate made a telephone broadcast live over Dutch radio.

Recalling the South Moluccan demands to be allowed to return to their islands independent of Indonesian influence, he insisted that a Protestant Moluccan priest who had been acting as mediator should talk to the Indonesian Consul in Amsterdam. Then he added: "We are not murderers. The Dutch have made murderers of us."

A few minutes after this a lone hostage, a young man in a white shirt and tie, walked slowly from the consulate in the glare of police floodlights to collect the crates of food which had been brought into the street outside by a Dutch detective. He walked with his hands held high in the air, silhouetted by the lights against four storeys of the building, then stooped to carry the crates one by one into the consulate.

The first group of children had been released two hours earlier after the police had allowed the Moluccan priest, the Rev Semuel Metiari, to talk to the guerrillas. He first spoke to them on the telephone, from an ex-directory number supplied by the police, then arrived at the consulate in person and entered the building with an

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British bid to lift 9 tons of bullion in wreck

By Philip Howard

The British Underwater Archaeological Society is sending an expedition to the South Pacific next month to one of the most valuable and elusive shipwrecks scattered around the floors of silent seas.

Commander John Grattan, of the Royal Navy, who led the expedition that discovered the wreck last January, will report the recovery expedition's plans in a lecture to the Royal Geographical Society on Monday.

The wreck is that of the General Grant, an 1,100-ton American three-masted barque built in 1864 for the Morse family, who contained the eponymous inventor of the Morse Code. She was wrecked off the Auckland Isles on May 13, 1866. Her estimated cargo included nine tons of bullion. Nobody knows the exact composition of the bullion, but nine tons of pure gold on the London market today is worth about £20m. Only 15 of a complement of 83 crew and passengers survived, but they were not rescued from the Aucklands until January, 1868.

There have been at least 17 unsuccessful attempts to find General Grant by the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. They have cost many thousands of pounds and a further 29 lives, but until last January no spar or splinter of the ship was found.

Then Commander Grattan's expedition found her in a cave halfway down the face of an underwater cliff eight miles and a half off the Aucklands.

Commander Grattan, who joined the Navy in 1952, is serving as the Staff Officer Operations to the Admiral Commanding Reserves. He is a qualified marine clearance diver and an authority on naval archaeology.

Over the past decade he has taken part in numerous diving expeditions that have gone down deeper and come up richer in archaeological finds than most such plunges in the dark.

Finders are keepers of wrecks recovered in the waters around New Zealand, because New Zealand has no legislation covering them. That is one reason why the syndicate financing the expedition raised the necessary money so quickly.

The former New Zealand Government was proposing to introduce legislation next year to secure itself at least some share in treasure found on its sea bed. The General Grant will be recovered before any such legislation can be enacted: the first five weeks of the year are the only period in which it is safe to dive in the tempestuous seas off the Aucklands.

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ton Town Football Club rday brought urgent atten- to the financial plight of Football League clubs it announced that unless f its players was transfer- a Belgian team for about 0 it could go into liquida- Luton Town has an over- of £384,000, which the has refused to increase, tal debts of £724,000. Five ors have given £2,000 each this week's wages and the ors have given the club s to "put the house in

s Mortimer, the chief ive, said: "We couldn't e club's wages yesterday we put £10,000 into the I have put in £30,000 joined the club. I can't like this—to be honest, k it's stopped." He said nless Peter Anderson was o Antwerp, Luton would ly dismiss some players ffice staff on Monday to he wages bill by £1,500 tempt to sell the ground bank. Luton council has d to buy the site.

erson flew to Belgium day and Mr Mortimer was ident" that the deal go through. The £70,000 er fee and the 28 days' offered by the creditors nly provide Luton with ing space. If the over- cannot be reduced, the ors will consider floating 0 £1 supporters' shares rapping one of the three

on has been in financial ulties for several years. It elegated from the first n last season and gates allen. Ironically, this week sis saw the team win 5—1 arlton Athletic, so there is atch today and no gate ts until next week.

r directors, including the lian, Eric Morecambe, ed last month; and one has contributed to this s wages has tendered his ation. The club has not a profit since 1971, when unced its books on the day the shareholders' meet- nly by selling Malcolm nald, the England inter- ial forward, to Newcastle d for £180,000.

on's position emphasizes inancial state of profes- football. It is estimated the 92 members of the ie owe £8m and many are ger of closing, or at least ring by using part-time rs. Even the League cham- Derby County, were stood to have borrowed y in order to pay Burnley 00 for Leighton James, a international.

Cabinet divided on rescue of Chrysler

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The Cabinet, at a meeting lasting more than three hours, yesterday rejected a limited cash rescue operation designed to help the Chrysler Corporation of America to continue car production in the United Kingdom.

The proposal, put forward by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, with the backing of Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was regarded by some ministers as being too restricted. In particular, it is believed that Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, sought bigger support from public funds as a temporary measure.

He and other ministers were worried about the possible severe cut in production at Linwood, in Scotland, if the Government offered only a small proportion of the £100m requested by Chrysler. The jobs of about 27,000 people would be affected if the corporation carried out its threat to cease production in the United Kingdom.

Ministers apparently reached no conclusion yesterday and the discussion will be resumed next week with the object of making a statement to Parliament by Thursday, in preparation for a debate on unemployment the next week.

Because the discussion on the Chrysler ultimatum took so long, the Cabinet was unable to get down to a discussion of the proposed defence cuts, which are being resisted by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, and other ministers. Those, and the proposed reductions in the spending requirements of other ministries, will be discussed next week.

Our Business News Staff writes: Mr John Riccardo, chairman of the Chrysler Corporation of America, who has spent most of this week touring Chrysler works on the Continent, was back at the Department of Industry yesterday afternoon for "a further discussion meeting" with Mr Varley.

At the centre of the Government's deliberations has been a plan to save Chrysler's Linwood plant, where 7,000 workers produce the Imp and Hunter models and body panels and other components for the Coventry-made Avenger range.

The main difficulty in such a scheme, however, is the close interdependence of Chrysler's operations in Britain and the need to protect the valuable export contract with Iran.

Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip, told the Commons yesterday that a statement would be made as soon as discussions with the company were completed. He added: "Thousands of jobs are involved, and the whole question of this firm, or industry, is involved. I hope no one will accuse the Government of delay."

Five rescued from oil buoy

By Craig Seton

Five men were winched to safety by a helicopter in gale-force winds last night after a 500ft high mooring buoy broke adrift from its anchorage in the North Sea.

The buoy, which is 40 feet in diameter, and most of which is normally submerged, was anchored near Mobil's oil platform Beryl Alfa, about 90 miles east of Shetland. It was reported by Wick coastguard to be "towering above the waves" and posing a danger to navigation. Shipping in the area was alerted.

Mobil reported that seagoing tugs were standing by for an attempt to secure the buoy.

The rescue came after the men on board reported that the buoy had broken adrift from its sea-bed anchors. A small helicopter platform on the buoy could not be used for the rescue of the five men because of the weather. The men were reported to be uninjued.

Nato plan for nuclear weapons cut

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Dec 5

Nato governments are expected to agree next week to withdraw some 1,000 American tactical nuclear weapons from West Europe in a new move designed to inject some movement into the East-West talks on mutual and balanced force reductions in Vienna.

The offer would be made in return for the withdrawal by the Soviet Union of a tank army from Central Europe. This would probably consist of some 1,700 tanks and 65,000 men.

Well-informed sources in Brussels said that at a meeting among Nato representatives today no one objected to the new formula. Nevertheless, a final decision would await the meeting of foreign ministers of the alliance in Brussels next Thursday and Friday as one element in a series of proposals intended to unblock the Vienna conference.

The original suggestion to withdraw some 1,000 tactical nuclear weapons out of a total of 7,000, mainly in West Germany, was put forward by Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, in the summer. The weapons include artillery shells, rockets and land mines.

The plan is not seen in Brussels as changing the West's basic aim that Nato and Warsaw Pact forces should eventually observe a common ceiling. At present the Warsaw Pact has some 950,000 men and 15,000 tanks in Central Europe. This compares with Nato's strength of 780,000 men and 6,000 tanks.

One of the main reasons behind the new offer would be to try to persuade the Soviet Union to reduce its superiority in tanks.

Case ends after record 121 days

The legal action by a group of people from Ocean Island, in the Pacific, ended in the High Court yesterday after establishing a record of 121 days for the longest civil court case.

Mr Justice Megarry, who is to give judgment later, thanked counsel for the help they had given him and added that he had enjoyed his visit to the island. A second, related, action begins on Monday.

Rate-support grant allows 2% more for education

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

The Government yesterday spelt out the implications of its rate-support grant to local authorities, which was announced two weeks ago.

The Rate-support Grant Order, 1975, laid before the Commons, makes clear that while expenditure for education shows an increase of about 2 per cent in real terms, to take account of the expected growth in pupils and students, other services, including transport, housing and social services, receive less in real terms than last year.

The grant amounts to £6,852m, towards a total forecast expenditure for 1976-77 of £10,461m, a grant of 65.5 per cent, compared with 66.5 per cent for the current year.

It has been worked out on the basis that there will be an overall standstill in council spending, with a slightly reduced Government contribution.

The order says that the increase for education is intended to provide for a growth in teachers in primary and secondary schools sufficient to maintain staffing ratios.

For local transport services, the implications include reductions in spending on highway maintenance, increases in car parking charges and increases in bus fares above the general movement in prices.

The forecasts of spending on housing assume a standstill in management and maintenance expenditure on each dwelling, and that local authorities will in 1976-77 raise rents by an average of 60p a week.

The Government leaves local authorities to decide how to cut budgets in probation, after-care and environmental services.

Local Government Finance (England and Wales). The Rate-support Grant Order, 1975. (Stationery Office, 35p.)

'End of student shock tactics'

The era of confromation tactics begun by students in 1968 was over, Mr Charles Clarke, president of the National Union of Students, told its conference in Scarborough yesterday. "Tactics full of sound and fury and no more, at the end signify nothing", he said. Before his speech he said the economic issues of the day were no longer passing students by and they were often united with college authorities against the main "enemy", the Government

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Senor Arias stays on with wider powers

King Juan Carlos confirmed Señor Arias as Prime Minister yesterday and gave him powers to reform the administrative structure. Señor Arias is expected to change his Cabinet next week. The Cabinet discussed a reform plan which is said to provide for the creation of a Ministry of Defence in place of the present three service ministries

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Junior doctors agree to audit of overtime cash

Leaders of the junior hospital doctors yesterday agreed to the Government's offer of an independent audit of the money available for overtime payment, provided that it takes into account this year's figures as well as last year's. They made it clear, however, that their industrial action would continue meanwhile.

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British protest

The Foreign Office has instructed Mr Kenneth East, the British Ambassador in Reykjavik, to protest about the actions of the Icelandic gunboat Thor yesterday. By recklessly attempting to cut trawl wires, the vessel created unacceptable risks, the protest said

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Paraffin to cost more

Paraffin is to cost an extra 6p a gallon from midnight tomorrow. New maximum retail prices will be 36 and 37p a gallon in many urban areas and 36½ and 37½ a gallon elsewhere

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School fees to rise by average of 5%

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blic school fees will rise *verage by between 5 and 6* ent in the new year. They by about 30 per cent this because of pay increases achers.

e average fee next year increase from £1,475 in mber to £1,556 a year.

me parents face larger in- es. Gordonstoun, which has raised its fees of £1,248 January, is increasing them to £1,860, which could take it to top place above Winchester in the fee league among members of the Head Masters Conference.

Harrow fees will rise by nearly a third from £1,290 in September to £1,650. Eton at £1,575 is considering another increase. Charterhouse increases from £1,575 to £1,665 and Tonbridge goes up from £1,314 to £1,530.

At St Paul's School for Boys, the boarding fees go up to £1,575 from £1,499. Highgate's fees rise from £1,461 to £1,518 and Mill Hill's from £1,479 to £1,614.

Cranleigh (£1,761), Dulwich (£1,380), Merchant Taylors (£1,275) and Epsom (£1,473) are among boys' boarding schools which have not found it necessary to increase fees in January.

Increases at girls' public schools are not so great. Benenden fees go up from £1,590 to £1,632, but Roedean and Wykeham Abbey remain the same at £1,617 and £1,575 respectively.

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Home Office in talks to prevent explosives made in Ireland reaching IRA bombers in Britain

By Stewart Tendler

Tighter control of explosives in the Irish Republic is being discussed by the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice in Dublin to prevent commercial gelignite from reaching Britain for use in terrorist attacks.

In the past two years all the gelignite used in attacks on the mainland of Britain is understood to have been traced back to Irish Industrial Explosives at Enfield, co Meath. The distinctive colour coding used in manufacture can be discerned even after detonation. The report of the Explosives Inspectorate, now part of the Health and Safety Executive, for 1974, covering Britain but not Ulster, shows that none of the material stolen in Britain last year has been used in terrorist attacks.

The inspectors express satisfaction that the number of thefts of explosives continues to drop. There were 14 attempts; nine were successful, and five of those provided material that could be used by terrorists or criminals.

Thieves took 427lb of explosives and 294lb was recovered.

The Irish factory is felt to be suitably secure, but explosives experts in Britain believe that the large genuine orders leaving the factory mean that small amounts are siphoned off and passed on to the IRA by sympathizers.

The Irish Government has tightened controls on explosives and their uses, but British experts do not believe the restrictions are as secure as those in force in Britain. It is hoped that improvements in identification may enable the police to trace the purchaser of a consignment going astray and plug the leak.

The inspectorate paid 153 visits to explosives stores in Britain, many of them at the request of newly appointed explosives officers after local government reorganization.

The standard of security varied from area to area; it was satisfactory at 39 stores, but 72 had short-term faults. Eleven stores required more extensive modification and three had to be replaced. Only 17 stores were considered safe. Faults at 108 were remedied quickly.

There were 33 accidents. Twenty-three occurred during manufacture and caused three deaths and injuries to 21 persons.

The report includes a warning about petrol. Although the 40 accidents involving petrol were fewer than in any year since 1965, many were similar to those about which warnings had been issued. They include clothes containing petrol being near ignition points and the use of unsafe electrical tools in inspection pits for work on petrol tanks.

Report of HM Inspectors of Explosives, 1974. Stationery Office, 95p.

Dangerous gamble, Mr Neave declares

By Our Political Staff

Release of the remaining detainees in Northern Ireland was "a very dangerous gamble", Mr Airey Neave, Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, said yesterday.

He believed Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, would have to "bear the responsibility for the results of his actions, which could be very dangerous to the people of Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom".

Mr Neave said the situation did not justify the risk of permitting committed terrorists to reinforce a probable new IRA offensive throughout the United Kingdom. While he agreed with Mr Rees that the legal process through the courts was the best long-term solution, he felt Mr Rees could be in breach of his undertaking to the House of Commons last year that detention would not be ended unless violence in Northern Ireland had been checked.

Mr Neave also denied reports in some newspapers that there was a disagreement within the Conservative Party over ending internment.

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal spokesman on Northern Ireland, welcomed Mr Rees's announcement because he was convinced detention was of greater value to the IRA than to the forces of law and order.

"Policy of reality": Mr Orme, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday in Manchester that the Government had ended detention because it believed that was the correct policy in the present circumstances (a Staff Reporter writes).

He said: "We believe that detention without trial has not succeeded in the overall situation. Detention has been an emotional factor which has gained support for terrorists not only in Northern Ireland but throughout the world, not the least in the United States. Our decision does not represent a policy of softness. It is a policy of reality."

Doctors agree to audit of overtime money

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Junior hospital doctors' leaders yesterday agreed to the offer, made by Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, of an independent audit of the money available for overtime payment, provided that it takes into account this year's as well as last year's figures.

But they made clear that their industrial action, which has affected almost every hospital in the country, will continue. Dr Peter Zacharias, chairman of the juniors' negotiating committee, said: "We have absolutely no faith in Government promises."

A statement from 10 Downing Street yesterday that urgent consultations have been taking place with representatives of the profession since Mr Wilson's intervention this week was denied by Dr Derek Stevenson, secretary of the British Medical Association.

He said there had been no meeting between the Government and the medical and dental professions since the Downing Street meeting with the Prime Minister on Wednesday. The profession's representatives would be standing by over the weekend.

Lord Goodman, who was present at Wednesday's meeting at the invitation of Mr Wilson, took part as an adviser to the BMA in the doctors' own discussions yesterday.

The official junior doctors' leaders said that they had been obstructed by the Department of Health in their efforts to obtain figures of overtime payments made to junior doctors this year.

They maintain that the issue over their contract could be resolved without breaking the pay code if 1975 overtime totals and not last year's, which were used by the review body in its pricing, were used as a base.

Dr Zacharias said that hospital-employing authorities were willing to help them with those new figures but a "sinister development" had emerged with the department's interference.

The Department of Health last night denied that it had instructed authorities to refuse access to local figures of extra duty allowance payments. But the department said that such local figures would not necessarily reflect the overall national picture.

Dr Richard Dunnill, south-east Thames representative on the Hospital Junior Staffs' Committee, said that health authorities had told him that he would have to get permission from the department to see the figures, and he could not persuade the department to do so.

Staff Reporters write: The disruption of hospital emergency services worsened last night as many hospitals closed their doors for the whole weekend. In London 16 of the 60 casualty-receiving hospitals, one of only two burns units and four maternity hospitals closed at 5 pm and will remain closed until 9 am on Monday.

The Department of Health and Social Security said last night that the London emergency beds service was experiencing considerable difficulty because of the doctors' dispute, but was "coping successfully".

Junior hospital doctors in Newcastle upon Tyne are continuing to work normally and will not take part in any industrial action in support of their pay claim. The result of a ballot published yesterday showed that of 350 doctors in six hospitals in the city, nearly 70 per cent voted, producing a two to one majority against industrial action.

At a Bristol press conference called to explain the views of doctors in the area Dr Kidson, chairman of the South West Regional Hospital Junior Staff Committee, said that 700 junior doctors in the South west, about 300 were taking action.

"The most militant are those in Plymouth, because conditions in their hospitals are appalling", he said.

Court criticizes hospital ba

A magistrate criticized the junior doctors' industrial action yesterday after hearing that an "obviously mentally ill" man could not be admitted to a hospital because he was not an emergency case.

Dismissing a charge of begging against Gerard Arant, aged 27, unemployed, of no fixed address, Mr Eric Crowther, the West London magistrate, said: "Because those who should care for him will not care for him I shall let him go free, possibly to his death, certainly to his detriment."

Mr Arant was remanded in custody by the court on November 27 for a medical report. He pleaded not guilty to begging the previous day.

Yesterday Mr Will Bennett, of Hammersmith se services, said Banstead Hosp told him its policy was to a people under certain section the Mental Health Act. present case was not an e gency and there was no rec mendation under the ap priate section.

"Because of the action b by the junior doctors, nod can be done for this ma the moment?" the magist asked. Mr Bennett repli "That is right."

The magistrate said he wo dismiss the charge and let Arant go. "If someth happens to him may it be the conscience of those refuse to accept him."

1,981 men and women held since 1971

Detention in Northern Ireland began on August 9, 1971. Soon afterwards the Army had picked up 337 men. Mr Faulkner, the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, signed detention orders against 230 of them on the next two days.

During the four years and four months since its introduction, 1,981 men and women were detained. At its peak, just before the introduction of direct rule under Mr Whitelaw, the Conservative Secretary of State, in the spring of 1972, 924 detainees were being held.

Most of those were republicans, but 107 "loyalists" were held at various times. The last one was released at the end of last March.

Thirty-three women, all republicans, were detained. The last of them was freed last April. Since Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, began his release programme when the IRA announced its original ceasefire on December 22 last year, he has freed 577 people.

The figures show that 170 people were interned twice, and nine of them three times. In 1971, 775 were detained and 129 released; in 1972, the figures were 559 and 899; in 1973, 512 and 208; in 1974, 312 and 361; and 1975, 11 detained and 554 released.

End of detention welcomed by Catholic churchmen

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without trial aroused very deep emotions. I believe that its ending will ultimately contribute powerfully to the cause of peace.

"Today every single person in the community should make a resolution to redouble his efforts in the cause of peace. Recrimination is a luxury which we cannot afford. It has cost too much in human lives and human suffering."

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Londonderry, Mgr Daly, said: "I am pleased and delighted that internment has ended . . . I hope it will never to introduced again."

Mr Jack Lynch, leader of the Fianna Fail opposition party in the Irish republic, welcomed the British move. "The introduction of internment was a grave mistake and I so expressed myself at the time", he said.

Erasing bitterness: Mr Jack Dromey, chairman of the National Council for Civil Liberties, welcomed the ending of internment, but added: "It will take years to erase the legacy of bitterness that internment has created". (The Press Association reports.)

Workers' protest: About five thousand Protestant and Roman Catholic workers from virtually every business in the Londonderry area gathered yesterday in Guildhall Square and unanimously adopted a resolution condemning recent murders in the city (our Londonderry Correspondent writes).

Patrol attacked: An Army patrol was fired on yesterday in co Tyrone. Ten high velocity shots were fired at the vehicle, but no one was injured and the troops did not fire back after the attack, a few miles from Pomeroy.

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Minister invokes the rule of law

Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, issued this statement yesterday:

I have today signed release orders in respect of 73 people held in detention at HM Prison Maze. Forty-six have now been released from detention and the remainder will continue to serve sentences of imprisonment imposed by the courts for criminal offences. As from today no one is held under a detention order.

The rule of law will be imposed impartially and firmly through the courts. Those who are guilty of crimes against the community will be arrested, charged and brought before the courts. If they are found guilty they will serve the sentences appropriate to their crimes. This is not merely right but infinitely better than relying on a system which has to be reviewed every year.

There is no immunity for anyone who breaks the law. They will be hunted, caught and sentenced. None of us can live in peace unless this is so.

No society can survive without the rule of law. So far this year 1,136 people have been charged. The prison population has gone up by 39 per cent. This is what matters, not a temporary system of detention.

I do not want to go back to detention. The real responsibility rests with the people of Northern Ireland—above all the minority community—and not with me. Detention has been a real and continuing cause of discontent. It has now gone. Many people on both sides of the community have pressed for it to go. It is their responsibility to see that it does not return.

The position now is that the law is the law. Do people accept that? Is the community willing to help? Are we all willing to accept the responsibility? Do we want to be taken for a ride by extremists, many of whom would like to see detention continue?

I want to see people in Northern Ireland claim positively their right to live in peace. If we all tackle it together we are on far stronger ground than ever before. This is the challenge to us all. Let us meet it.

In brief

Population rises only slightly

The provisional figure for the population of England and Wales in mid-1975 was 49,210,000, about 10,000 more than a year previously. That is the smallest peacetime increase since detailed estimates started in the 1920s.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys also estimates that during the three months from April to June, 1975, 41,500 people came to live in the United Kingdom and 47,000 left.

Joint talks urged on devolution

All political parties should get together around a table to strengthen the White Paper on devolution, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the Liberal Party, said in Edinburgh yesterday.

Strong and generally agreed proposals appearing next autumn would be put through the Commons fairly quickly, otherwise he saw them facing a lot of opposition from MPs.

Name wanted for civic wine

Lincoln City Council is looking for a name for its new civic wine. It has about 150 litres made from the first harvest of 300 vines planted in the grounds of Lincoln Cathedral.

The vines were a gift from Lincoln's twin city of Neustadt, in the Rhineland-Pfalz wine-producing region of West Germany.

Nursemaid's body found

The skeleton of a girl found in a shallow grave near the Nottingham to Melton Mowbray main road at Old Dalby, Leicestershire was identified yesterday as that of Miss Caroline Allen, aged 17, a nursemaid, who has been missing from her home in Neville Drive, Kinoulton, Nottinghamshire, since April, 1974.

Bail for 33

Bail was granted until today week, on undertakings of good behaviour, by magistrates at Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, yesterday to 33 members of the Welsh Language Society accused of offences connected with the occupation on Thursday night of seven holiday homes in Rhyd, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Five years for rapist

Sentence of five years' imprisonment was passed at Leeds Crown Court yesterday on Alex Uschakov, aged 22, unemployed, of Heystones Drive, Keighley, West Yorkshire, who pleaded guilty to raping a neighbour, burglary with intent to commit rape, and theft.

Wife killer jailed

Teodoro Cassano, aged 33, a taxi driver, of Lapworth Close, Orpington, Kent, who stabbed his wife to death after she spent a night with her lover, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for three years. He was convicted of manslaughter but acquitted of murder.

Corruption charges

Norman Hudson, aged 72, a retired gas board official, of Dunbottle Lane, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, was remanded on bail of £1,000 by Pontefract magistrates yesterday on corruption charges connected with John Poulson.

More bus-only lanes

Four new bus-only lanes will be introduced in London next week. One will be in Barking Road, Newham, two in Denmark Hill, Camberwell, and the other in Mitcham Road, Tooting.

Bus strike ends

Buses in Liverpool were back on the road yesterday morning after a strike by busmen on Thursday evening left the city without transport.

Anti-fog profit

British Airways' anti-fog device earned the airline an extra £250,000 over its competitors during recent fog conditions, they said yesterday.

Declaration on future of Fleet Street is agreed

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Leaders of four printing unions and national newspaper publishers yesterday reached agreement on a statement of intent designed to safeguard the future of national newspapers.

The accord came at talks in London between the Newspaper Publishers Association and Daily Mirror management, and unions representing most of the workers in the industry. Full details will be released on Monday after both sides have had an opportunity to clear up minor changes.

Several newspapers propose to introduce computer-based printing, which will abolish many traditional printing skills.

After yesterday's talks between the employers and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa), the Electrician's Union and the National Union of Journalists, a joint statement was issued describing the meeting as of "unprecedented importance".

It said: "In the view of those present, significant progress has been made, and it is hoped other unions will associate themselves with the document."

That was an indirect reference to the unions missing from yesterday's talks: the National Graphical Association, representing craftsmen, the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers and Engravers (Slade), and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

The NPA said: "This is the first time the two sides have got down to deciding how to sort out Fleet Street's problems. It is very encouraging."

Importance of technology: The newspaper industry faced an improving future if it made the right use of technology, Mr Alan Hare, managing director of the Financial Times, said at the dinner of the daily circulation managers' committee of the Newspaper Publishers Association last night.

"Technology is revolutionizing the newspaper industry throughout the world. If we can use this technology properly there could be more, not fewer, national titles in 1980, and better, not weaker newspapers", he said.

Individuals and companies had been prepared to run newspapers at a loss over long periods, but now papers would have to become economically viable to survive. Raising cover prices and advertisement rates no longer offered a solution.

"The last bout of cover price increases produced a massive loss of sales, and advertisement increases a reduction in advertising volume almost sufficient to render the increases literally valueless.

"We cannot have our present quantity of national newspapers unless we have the right number of people manning the right production equipment and working at the proper rates for the job."

Rebates for sewerage through rate

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The one million ratepayers whose properties are not connected to main sewers but who have been paying for the service for two years should get their money back in a rebate from next year's rate demand.

First, however, the Government is making an "urgent study of the implications of the House of Lords judgment on Wednesday which ruled that those people should not have to pay for the sewerage service they did not receive.

Mr Howell, Minister of State, Department of the Environment, said in a written answer in the House of Commons yesterday that the judgment had "serious and wider implications" and brings into question the validity of the statutory basis for water authorities' charges. A further statement would be made as soon as possible.

It is estimated that £60m is involved over the past two years.

In a letter to local authority associations and to the National Water Council about the judgment, the Department of the Environment said that when the matter was discussed in the summer it was agreed that refunds should normally be made by rebate from the rate demand.

"This remains the position. First, however, it will be necessary to clear away the doubt

Reporting ban reimposed at request of woman

A woman, one of 21 people appearing together before Norwich magistrates on various charges, successfully applied yesterday for the reimposition of reporting restrictions in her case after they had been lifted at the request of another defendant at a previous hearing at Great Yarmouth in September.

The 21, who do not all face the same charges, are variously accused of conspiracy to defraud insurance companies, possessing firearms and ammunition without certificates, theft and receiving stolen goods.

The woman, Mrs Jacqueline Anne Allen, of White Oaks, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk, is charged with others with stealing a Ford Capri, the property of Lombard North Central Ltd.

Mr James Hipwell, Mrs Allen's solicitor, said the charge against her was "chicken feed" in comparison with the other charges. "She came in afterwards on an entirely separate charge and the fact that she is the wife of one of the defendants is no argument, in my submission," he said.

One accused, Clifford Carrick, aged 45, stockman, of Standon, High Cross, Hertfordshire, was discharged when the prosecution offered no evidence against him. He had been charged with conspiring to induce the County Fire Office Ltd to settle a £150,000 fire insurance claim for Shortgrove Hall, Saffron Walden, Essex, with intent to defraud.

The prosecution also offered no evidence on a charge of conspiracy to make an unwarranted demand with menaces against Geoffrey Leonard Allen, aged 56, of White Oaks, Pulham Market; Terence Robinson, aged 27, of Frampton Road, Ipswich; and Percy Ambrose, aged 51, of Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex. The charge was dismissed. The three men still face other charges.

Our Legal Correspondent writes: The question raised when one or more defendants in committal proceedings wants reporting restrictions to be lifted, against the wishes of the others, is not uncommon.

The consistent response of the High Court, when cases have been brought before it, has been to rule that if one defendant wants the lifting of restrictions, such an order ought to be made by the magistrates, even though it means that the cases of the unwilling codefendants will also receive publicity.

One of the leading decisions on this point was given by the Divisional Court in 1971 in a case involving Frederick Sewell (who was subsequently convicted of murdering a police officer).

Armed robber praises bravery of policeman

An armed robber described at the Central Criminal Court yesterday how a policeman kept walking towards him during a jewelry raid, even after he had pointed a sawn-off rifle between his eyes. Colin Dunning said: "I could not really believe how brave he was."

The bravery of Police Constable David Gowan, aged 35, was also praised by Judge Humphreys, QC.

The raid, at Pickfords shop in Walthamstow High Street, London, took place on July 15 last. The court was told that the two men concerned, Mr Dunning, aged 26, unemployed, of Howard Road, Stoke Newington, London, and Andrew Staton, aged 23, of Cowper Road, Stoke Newington, were foiled by a sales representative who arrived at the shop.

Mr Dunning pleaded guilty to robbing Pickfords of a quantity of jewelry, possessing a firearm, making use of a firearm to resist arrest, taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and driving a vehicle while disqualified.

He was sentenced to two and a half years concurrently on the robbery and firearms charges and 12 months and three months for the motoring offences, all to run concurrently.

Mr Staton pleaded guilty to wounding William Chalk, a sales representative, causing him grievous bodily harm, and driving a motor vehicle knowing it was stolen. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

Councils want to keep Army on Dartmoor

Local opinion is overwhelmingly in favour of the Armed Forces retaining their training areas on Dartmoor, a public inquiry into the military use of the moor was told yesteday.

Mr Alan Bennett, secretary to Devon County Council, presenting evidence on behalf of the council and West Devon District Council, said that both councils wished the Services to remain.

He told Lady Sharp, who is conducting the inquiry, that the Servicts were vital to the local economy, helped people, for instance by dropping feedingstuffs to farms isolated by snow or flood, and assisted with youth training.

West Devon District Council had reported that 24 parish councils, representing 22,247 people, two thirds of the West Devon electorate, wanted the Services to stay. The district council did not want the balance between access and military training to be disturbed.

Devon County Council's Dartmoor National Park Committee has told the inquiry, at Exeter, that it does not think military training is compatible with the purpose of a national park. But the council as a whole wants the Services to remain.

Employment of many Service personnel helped particularly the economy of Plymouth, Okehampton, Exeter and east Devon.

The inquiry continues next Tuesday.

Million sign petition on wealth tax

By John Young
Planning Reporter

A petition with 1,116,253 signatures expressing alarm at the threat to historic houses, museums and art galleries from existing and proposed taxes, was presented to the Commons yesterday by Mr Edward Graham, Labour MP for Enfield, Edmonton.

It anticipated by a few days publication of minutes to a select committee on the wealth tax, which is expected on Wednesday.

It urges the Government to exempt works of art or the buildings which contain them from the proposed tax.

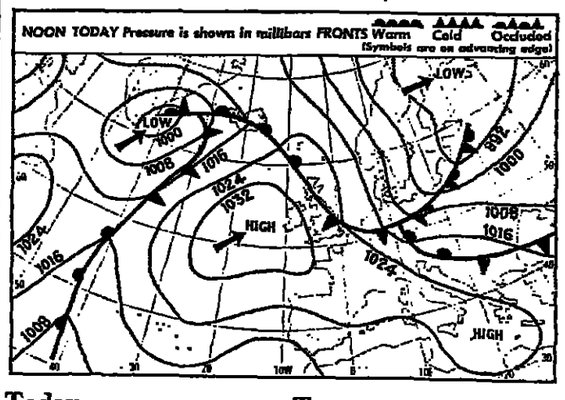
Mr Graham said yesterday that many people would be against the principle of any such tax and others would oppose any special concessions to the "heritage lobby".

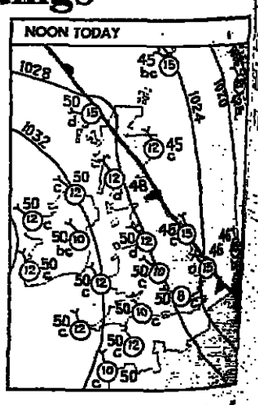
Mr Graham said it was too early to expect a revolt among backbench Labour MPs. The Government's decision on the select committee's recommendations would have to be known.

With substantial all-party support for the petition, however, any measure seriously jeopardizing the future of stately homes and art collections is unlikely to command a Commons majority.

More than 1,500,000 people from 92 countries were said to have signed the petition at historic homes last summer. Because only British and Commonwealth citizens are allowed to petition Parliament, many signatures had to be deleted.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.50 am Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon rises: 10.19 am Moon sets: 7.51 pm
FIRST QUARTER: December 10.
Lighting up: 4.23 pm to 7.21 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.34 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 3.59 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft). Avonmouth, 9.10 am, 13.1m (43.1ft); 9.28 pm, 12.7m (41.6ft). Dover, 12.33 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 12.57 pm, 6.5m (21.4ft). Hull, 8.9 am, 7.0m (23.1ft); 8.12 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Liverpool, 12.54 am, 9.0m (29.5ft); 1.11 pm, 9.3m (30.5ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.51 am Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon rises: 10.48 am Moon sets: 8.59 pm
Lighting up: 4.23 pm to 7.22 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.14 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 4.41 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Avonmouth, 9.48 am, 12.6m (41.5ft); 8.6 pm, 12.1m (39.6ft). Dover, 1.13 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 1.39 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft). Hull, 8.50 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 8.48 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Liverpool, 1.37 am, 8.7m (28.4ft); 1.53 pm, 9.0m (29.4ft).

An anticyclone will remain to the SW of Ireland and a weak trough of low pressure will cross some N and E districts of Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central S, central N England. Midlands: Mist patches at first, mostly cloudy, drizzle in places and bright intervals, wind NW, light; max temp 11°C (52°F).

East Anglia, E, NE England, Borders: Cloudy, drizzle in places, perhaps bright intervals later, wind NW, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales: Mostly cloudy, drizzle and hill fog in places, bright intervals; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, S Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, drizzle and hill fog in places; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Little change tomorrow, brighter, colder weather spreading from N to many parts on Monday.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NW, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, light or moderate; sea slight.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	s	18	64	Cardiff	c	10	50	Jersey	c	10	50	Naples	c	15	59
Algiers	f	20	68	Chicago	c	1	34	L Palmas	f	30	86	New York	f	9	48
Amsterdm	c	10	50	Cologne	r	6	43	Lisbon	f	19	66	Nice	s	14	57
Athens	c	18	64	Copenhgn	r	5	41	Locarno	s	7	45	Oslo	c	2	36
Barcelona	s	14	57	Dublin	r	8	46	London	d	10	50	Paris	c	9	48
Beirut	f	17	63	Edinburgh	c	11	52	Luxembrg	c	1	34	Reykjavik	c	0	32
Belfast	c	10	50	Florence	fog	6	41	Madrid	c	11	52	Rome	s	15	59
Berlin	c	8	46	Funchal	f	19	66	Majorca	c	16	61	Stockholm	s	2	36
Bermuda	c	25	77	Geneva	c	5	41	Malaga	c	19	66	Tel Aviv	s	26	79
Biarritz	f	11	52	Gibraltar	r	14	57	Malta	f	17	63	Toronto	c	1	34
Birmingham	c	10	50	Guernsey	c	11	52	Manchstr	d	10	50	Venice	s	8	46
Bristol	c	11	52	Helsinki	c	3	37	Miami	s	26	79	Vienna	c	7	45
Brussels	d	5	41	Innsbruck	s	3	37	Moscow	sn	2	36	Warsaw	c	7	45
Budapest	f	7	45	Istanbul	s	9	48	Munich	s	5	41	Zurich	r	4	39

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 92 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,030.4 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices: Austria, Sch 16; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 10; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 250; Lebanon, Lf 20; Madeira, Malta, 5c; Norway, Kr 2.00; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 25; Sweden, Skr 2.50; Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 7.

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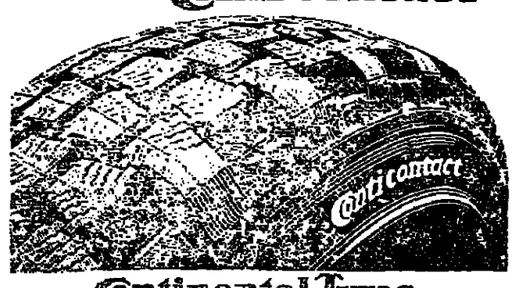
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'Put fewer thieves in jail'

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

There was a strong argument for keeping prisons for dangerous and violent offenders from whom the public had to be protected, and not putting into custody so many thieves and burglars, Dr Roger Hood, fellow of All Souls and Reader in Criminology at Oxford University, said yesterday.

If offenders against property were treated in the community, he added, the public and the courts would expect adequate control and supervision by probation officers.

That was not an issue that could be ducked, he told a conference of magistrates, probation officers and others involved in the penal system, organized by the Surrey and South West London branch of the National Association of Probation Officers.

The conflict between control and treatment would be a major dilemma for probation officers, he said, suggesting nevertheless supervision and control in the community for a much higher proportion of those now in custody. Imprisonment did not reduce the probability of reconviction greater than any other form of penalty.

Probation officers should try to resist rejecting their failures. Part of the remedy was in their own hands, he said.

Mail train robbed

More registered packets were stolen on Thursday night in the second Irish Republic mail train robbery in 24 hours. The train was the Dublin-Waterford night mail.

Hull road work begins

Work is to start immediately on the second stage of the south orbital road project at Hull, costing £887,000. It will divert heavy traffic from the city centre to the docks.

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e era of the 1968 student ation was over, Mr Charles se, president of the nal Union of Students, last night in his opening ss to the union's confer- in Scarborough he told 1,400 delegates and ers that the older ones realize that "tactics full and fury and no more, end signify nothing".

said students' main aims he new year were "better tion from the nursery to university; the rights of more people to education ghout their lives, and an to education for the privi- few".

fore his speech Mr Clarke me that in 1968 students ut to confront the rest ty. Their causes were ated to other sections of community. Their actions aimed at obtaining head- but their tactics were not ed to their goals.

r Clarke said: "I am not raging students to give up direct action. But I am sed to mindless militancy. drama of such tactics is ing like so important as it in 1968. The surprise value worn off."

e start of this academic has seen a big decrease in romations between students college authorities. Occupations and sit-ins have been rare.

A week-long occupation by students at Birmingham Polytechnic is continuing, but it is orderly and conducted on a rota of 30 students sitting in each night.

Although there is more financial hardship militancy has disappeared from last year's trouble spots such as Essex and Lancaster universities and North London Polytechnic.

Mr Clarke told me: "The great economic issues of the day are no longer passing us by. We are very much more central to the political life of the country. That carries responsibilities in terms of looking at the effects of our actions." Students were often united with their college authorities against the main "enemy", the Government.

In his presidential address he said of the students' relationship with the trade union movement: "The cutbacks in public expenditure throw us even closer together in opposition to the threats to livelihoods, to education and to social services.

"For it is only too brutally clear to see that to chop £500,000 off the budget of a college means fewer jobs for staff, academic and non-academic, fewer places for students and lower educational standards."



Michael Harris, John McCaw and Stephen Trier rehearsing yesterday for a London concert in which they will perform a concerto for three basset-horns, tenor clarinets in F.

Farmer gets 15 years for kidnapping woman

Peter John Mathews, aged 36, a farmer, said to be in serious financial trouble, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of kidnapping Sheila Lady Devonport, aged 67, from her home, Peasmarsh Place, Peasmarsh, Sussex. He was jailed for 15 years.

Mr Mathews, of Herons Way, Playden, near Rye, Sussex, was also found guilty of assaulting Lady Devonport, causing her bodily harm and guilty of robbing Mrs Rosemary Tennant, aged 56, of Budd's Farm, Wittersham, Kent, of two cigarette cases, two necklaces, a gold pencil, a gold pocket watch, £20 in cash and other articles.

The jury acquitted Mr Mathews of robbing Miss Marion Tate, aged 88, at her home, Hilden, Rye Hill, Rye. On the judge's direction they also acquitted him of assaulting Miss Tate, causing her bodily harm. The jury was discharged from giving a verdict on a charge of burgling Miss Tate's home.

For robbing Mrs Tennant, Mr Mathews was jailed for five years, and for assaulting Lady Devonport he was sentenced to 18 months, all the sentences to run concurrently.

Thousands mourn Graham Hill

Three thousand people, including many personalities from motor racing and entertainment, attended the funeral in St Albans Abbey yesterday of Graham Hill, aged 46, the former world champion racing driver, who was killed last Saturday when his light aircraft crashed in fog near Elstree.

Mr Hill's widow and three children were present and another former world champion driver, Jackie Stewart, was a pall bearer. Cremation took place privately after the service.

Crash driver fined £200

Mr John Ballantyne, aged 43, of Dumfries, who crashed into a car driven by Mr Jock Stein, the Celtic football club manager, last July, was found guilty at Dumfries Sheriff Court yesterday of driving recklessly and with more than double the permitted amount of alcohol in his blood. He was fined £200 and banned from driving for 18 months.

Crane kills man

Mr William Kennedy, of Coventry, was killed and two other men injured yesterday when a tower crane collapsed while it was being erected in the centre of Greenock, Strathclyde.

£300 language plea

The Camden Committee for Community Relations made an appeal yesterday for £300 to enable it to continue until the summer a scheme to teach English to immigrant children and their parents.

Correction

Miss Helen Corke, aged 93, won the Whitbread literary award for biography for her book, *In Our Infancy*. A misplaced line of type on Thursday gave an incorrect title in some editions.

Law Report December 5 1975 — Queen's Bench Division

Jurisdiction of rent committees

Regina v Brent London Borough Rent Officer, Ex parte Ganatra
Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Park and Mr Justice May
[Judgments delivered Dec 3]

A rent officer has no power to refer any matter other than his rent determination to a rent assessment committee. He cannot refer any disputed question relating to his jurisdiction to determine the rent because such a question has to be referred to a County Court under section 105 of the Rent Act, 1968. The committee's jurisdiction is confined to making a decision on the matter referred to them by the rent officer and, if disputed new evidence going to jurisdiction is discovered, the committee should refuse to proceed with the case and should leave the question to be determined by the County Court on an application under section 105.

The Divisional Court so stated when giving a reserved judgment refusing an application by Ramesh Gordhandas Ganatra, of Hollywood, United States, the owner of a house in Whitby Gardens, Kingsbury, London, for an order of mandamus directed to the Brent rent officer requiring him to remove or cancel an entry in the rent register relating to the premises and, alternatively, an order of certiorari to quash his determination relating to them.

Section 105(1) provides: "A County Court shall have jurisdiction either in the course of any proceedings relating to a dwelling or on an application made for the purpose by the landlord or the tenant to determine any question —(a) as to whether a tenancy is a protected tenancy or whether any person is a statutory tenant of a dwellinghouse . . . or as to any matter which is or may become material for determining any such question."

Mr Roger Bartlett for the applicant; Mr Harry Woolf for the rent officer. The tenant did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE PARK said that in 1971 Mr Chandrakant Radia applied for registration of a fair rent for the house in Whitby Gardens, pursuant to section 44 of the Rent Act. In October, 1971, the applicant wrote on behalf of his brother, as owner of the house, stating that the tenant was not Mr Chandrakant Radia but Mr Dhirendra Radia, and that Mr Chandrakant Radia had no locus standi to make the application. The rent officer twice gave the applicant a chance to be heard, but he did not attend. The officer decided that Mr Chandrakant Radia was the tenant and determined the rent at £11 a week. That rent was registered.

The applicant then appealed to the rent assessment committee. He took the preliminary point of jurisdiction, saying that Mr Chandrakant Radia was one of four joint tenants. The committee accepted the submission, and held that they had no jurisdiction as the original application was invalid. The rent officer then wrote in the register "No jurisdiction".

Now the applicant sought an order of mandamus directing the rent officer to remove or cancel the entry in the register and alternatively an order of certiorari to quash the determination.

His Lordship said that if a rent officer found that his jurisdiction was challenged or there was a doubt in his mind about it, then the question fell to be determined by the County Court under section 105(1) of the Rent Act. On the evidence of the applicant's letter and the two opportunities given to him of being heard, the rent officer was fully justified in concluding that Mr Chandrakant Radia was the tenant.

The jurisdiction of the rent assessment committee was confined to making a decision on the matter referred to them by the rent officer. The officer could only refer to them the question of the rent; he certainly could not refer to them any disputed question relating to his jurisdiction to determine the rent.

It would be possible, after a reference by the rent officer, for a situation to arise in which his jurisdiction to consider the application in the first place could be disputed; for example, by the discovery of a tenancy agreement which showed that the applicant was not the tenant. In such a case the parties might agree that neither the rent officer nor the committee had any jurisdiction to deal with the application. If there was a dispute the committee should leave the question to be determined by the County Court.

Thus the rent assessment committee's decision had contributed nothing towards the determination of a fair rent for the premises; it was not binding on the parties and had merely succeeded in throwing into confusion that which was reasonably clear before the reference was made to them.

The committee could only determine whether an applicant was competent where doubt of his competence had come to light since the rent officer's reference. The need to do so would rarely arise as the committee could refer to the County Court.

Therefore the decision of the committee themselves to decide the question of jurisdiction was in the circumstances wrong. The rent officer was accordingly not required to do any more than he did, namely to enter in the appropriate place in the register the words "No jurisdiction".

The Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Bernard Elliston, Sandler & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Chancery Division

Contributory's locus standi

In re Chesterfield Catering Co Ltd
Before Mr Justice Oliver
[Judgment delivered December 2]

In order to establish a locus standi to petition, a fully-paid shareholder must show that he, as a member of the company, will achieve some advantage or avoid or minimize some disadvantage which would accrue to him by virtue of his membership of the company. It is contrary to authority to suggest that, even allowing that there may be exceptions to the general rule, a petitioner can demonstrate his locus standi by pointing to some private advantage which he may derive from a winding up but which is unconnected with his membership of the company.

Mr Justice Oliver refused to make an order to wind up compulsorily Chesterfield Catering Co Ltd on a petition presented by Mr Arthur Rayden Lake and Mr Denis John Magrath as personal representatives of Peter Arthur Reffitt, deceased, at his death the registered holder of 49 of the shares and the sole director of the company. The petition was stood over until December 15 to enable the petitioners to find out whether any creditor would join.

Mr C. G. Heath for the petitioners.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was an unopposed petition. It alleged the existence of some 45 unpaid creditors to an amount of some £9,000, but no creditor had appeared either to support or oppose the petition. It was not alleged that there was likely to be any surplus of assets available for distribution to the shareholders, and indications were that the company would be insolvent.

The company was formed in 1962 with a capital of £100 divided into 100 shares of £1 each, of which 49 were issued to Mr Reffitt, who died in June, 1974. The petitioners, as his executors, obtained a grant of probate in January, 1975. They had not yet been registered as the holders of the testator's shares and could not be registered without an application to the court.

At the date of the petition of the remaining 51 shares 49 were held by the testator's stepmother and two by a Mr Cash. Neither showed any interest in the company.

The company's business was that of a club which was carried on in premises of which the testator was the lessee. There were at present no directors or secretary, and the business was discontinued in April, 1975.

The grounds for presenting the petition, as expressed in the petition, were that it was in the interests of the company's creditors and contributories that its liabilities and assets should be ascertained and its affairs wound up. The petition stated that the other contributories appeared to be disinterested in its affairs, and in all the circumstances it was desirable that there should be an independent liquidator with whom in particular the petitioners might deal; that if the company was a sublessee and the sublease still subsisted, then rent of £1,200 at least was due and owing to the petitioners and they were creditors of the company accordingly; that the company was unable to pay its debts; and that in the circumstances it was just and equitable that the company should be wound up.

It would be possible for the petitioners, assuming that they could rest assured that the other members would take no steps to oppose them, to appoint directors and to procure a winding up, although the process might be lengthy and cumbersome. They would first have to apply formally for registration as members. Since there were no officers, that could not be done without the intervention of the court, but they could apply for rectification of the share register under section 116 of the Companies Act, 1948.

Assuming that the court made an order on that application, they could then requisition a meeting under section 132 to elect directors. At the end of 21 days they could call the meeting themselves; if they were unable to secure a quorum, they could apply to the court under section 135 for directions. Once a meeting had been held and directors had been appointed, those directors could then resolve that the company should present its own petition.

However, Mr Heath asked, why should the petitioners be compelled to go through those protracted procedural steps to procure exactly the same result as could be brought about on the present petition? The principal difficulty in the petitioners' way was caused by the rule expounded by Mr Justice Buckley in *In re Othery Construction Ltd* ([1966] 1 WLR 69-72): ". . . it still remains a rule of the court that where a fully paid shareholder petitions for compulsory winding up he must show, on the face of his petition, a prima facie probability that there will be assets available for distribution among the shareholders". He expressed the same thing in slightly wider terms at the end of his judgment.

Mr Heath submitted that there was, on the plain terms of the Companies Act, no warrant for any such universal rule of law applicable to all contributories' petitions although *Othery* was rightly decided on its facts. If and in so far as it was a rule, it was too widely stated in *Othery* and ought not to be treated as a rule from which there were no exceptions. Counsel further submitted that if *In re Rica Gold Washing Co* ((1879) 11 Ch D 36) (the fons et origo of the doctrine) established a rule as regards contributories' petitions it was one which was swept away by the provisions of what was now section 225(1) of the 1948 Act (first introduced in the 1908 Act).

It was true that there was nothing in the terms of sections 222 and 224 of the 1948 Act which stated in terms that a contributory could present a petition only if there were likely to be surplus assets available for distribution to shareholders. It was also true that section 225(1) directed the court not to refuse a petition on the ground only that the company had no assets.

His Lordship, however, thought that it was now too late in the day for a contributory petitioner to urge him to depart from a principle which had been established and followed for close on 100 years. The provisions now enshrined in section 225(1) were introduced in 1908 after *In re Criglestone Coal Co Ltd* ([1906] 2 Ch 327), and were held (in effect) by Mr Justice Neville in *In re Kaslo-Slocan Mining and Financial Corporation Ltd* ([1910] WN 13) not to have altered the position as regards a fully paid shareholder's petition. The latter case represented the established practice when the section was re-enacted in 1929 and 1948, since when it had been consistently applied not only in *Othery* but also in a number of other cases.

In his Lordship's judgment the rule stated in *In re Rica Gold Washing Co* remained in operation today and he felt unable to accede to the petitioners' claim for relief.

Solicitors: Reynolds, Porter, Chamberlain & Co.

losed shop agreement void, tribunal told

n Ronald Kershaw
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e case of the six workers Ferrybridge power station were dismissed by the ral Electricity Generating rd for not joining one of four constituent unions on national joint industrial ncil for the industry took a turn last night.

he Leeds industrial tribunal ring the men's claims of air dismissal was told by Mr n Pardoe, counsel for the , that legislation had made d any agreement on compul- y union membership.

Ir Pardoe submitted that the ntracts of all employees, in- ding the six Ferrybridge kers, "contained terms m 1972 onwards which owed them the freedom not join a national joint council on if they did not want to".

maintained that those terms de void a section of the joint ncil's agreement referring compulsory membership of one of the four trade unions concerned.

Earlier the generating board had acknowledged that the part of the joint council agreement covering compulsory union membership became inoperable with the introduction of the Industrial Relations Act, 1971. But the board maintained that it became operable again when that Act was repealed.

Mr Pardoe said: "The accounts we have heard of some sort of suspension of the agreement, of rendering it inoperable, of putting it into cold storage, have no legal reality whatever. The thing was void, of no effect."

Legal press charter urged: The Liberal Party decided yesterday to table amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill which would make the Government's proposed charter on press freedom legally binding. But they would not support the Lord Goodman amendments, *tabled in the Commons by the Tory front bench spokesmen on labour relations*, which would lay down detailed preconditions for the contents of the charter (our Political Correspondent writes).

The Liberals believe that their conciliatory approach will win the backing of Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, and the Manifesto Group of Labour MPs, who have said that they would favour a press freedom charter negotiated freely by all sections of the newspaper industry.

But on the broader issue of the closed shop, the Liberals, led by their spokesman on trade union affairs, Mr John Pardoe, MP for Cornwall, North, will demand that there should be legal redress for any worker who is deprived of his means of livelihood by the operation of a closed shop agreement.

That has particular reference to the dispute involving six Ferrybridge workers, and to the situation applying to employees of the British Railways Board.

Where an individual is victimized by such an agreement the Liberals would like to support the amendment to be put down by the Tories giving a right of appeal to the High Court, but since they believe that will be opposed by the Government and Labour MPs, they will move, as a second defence, that there should be an appeal by anyone so aggrieved to an independent appeals body.

Such a body is proposed by the Government for appeals relating to the press freedom charter, and the Liberals see no reason why the same kind of procedure should not be available to workers in other industries.

Mr Paul Nicolson, general secretary of the Confederation of Employee Organizations, which took up the case of the Ferrybridge workers with Mr Foot, sent a letter yesterday on the subect to all members of the Commons

He asked them to introduce new legislation to strengthen the "Lever" amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974.

LC transport ant 'may reduced'

cut of between £5m and in the Government's transgrant to the Greater lon Council is possible, the said yesterday. The unt of the grant will not be vn for a week or two.

official said: "Regrettthough any reduction ld be, a cut of this size ld not affect essential inments. The necessary saving d be found by cutting the on modernization proume and making cuts in a e of minor projects."

e said that such reductions ld not preclude a start being e on the Fleet Line if the ernment gave its consent. e hope they will give the head, and so enable the to make a start on this which will revitalize dock- and south-east London."

il again for ackmail same victim

n Our Correspondent
rpool
illiam Joseph Kinsella, who released from prison last ch after serving three years blackmail, was jailed at rpool Crown Court yesterfor four years for blacking the same victim.

r Kinsella, aged 20, an unloyed labourer, of Twicken- Drive, Wallasey, Merseyy who pleaded guilty, was by Mr Michael Dingle, for prosecution, to have teleed to Mr X, a shopkeeper, r two of his shop windows been broken, threating to ck his shop if he did not £20 to a rendezvous. He arrested after Mr X had ded the money to him at the lezvous.

rl had diphtheria

schoolgirl aged 15 is vering from diphtheria at Royal United Hospital, Bath, r being admitted a week

Craftsmen refuse to pay union fines

From Our Correspondent
Barrow-in-Furness

Twenty-three craftsmen who did not take part in a union meeting during working hours at the Vickers shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness are refusing to pay fines imposed by their union under threat of expulsion.

The men are members of the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths and Heating and Domestic Engineers. They did not attend a meeting held two weeks ago to discuss overtime arrangements. Now they have been fined £50 each, ordered to work no overtime, and told that if they do not pay the fines by December 27 they will be expelled.

One of the men said yesterday that they had not attended the meeting because they did not want to disrupt production for the 30 minutes that the meeting lasted. He said the fines had been imposed by a "kangaroo court".

Mr Edward Vaughton, the union's district secretary, will try to resolve the dispute on Monday.

Union dues protest: Seventy test shop workers at the Perkins Engines plant at Peterborough voted at a meeting yesterday to instruct the company not to deduct union subscriptions from their pay packets (our Peterborough Correspondent writes).

The men were protesting about the introduction of a new pension scheme at the plant, where the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has sole negotiating rights. One of them said: "It was steamrollered through by the union after it had been rejected by a mass meeting."

Act that ended Great War should go, report says

By Our Legal Correspondent

The last domestic link with the Treaty of Versailles, which brought the 1914-18 war to an end, the Treaty of Peace Act, 1919, is among the 89 Acts of Parliament which the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission want to see repealed in full.

The Act, which enabled the Versailles Treaty to be carried into effect, is spent, the report states. The Commissions also propose that a further 200 Acts be partly repealed and suggest that section 28 of the Bank of England Act, 1694, is no longer of use. The reason is that "sealed bills", with which the section deals, have not been in regular use since 1716.

There is relief for those who might make a practice of maliciously destroying or damaging drainage works erected on the Kreat Level of the Fens. They will no longer be subject to transportation, with the proposed repeal of Acts dating back to 1754 and 1823.

The laws proposed for partial or total repeal are concentrated mainly in categories concerning Britain's former overseas territories, alcoholism, the Armed Forces, civil defence, local government, medicine and road traffic.

The Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission. Statute Law Revision. 7th report. (Cmnd 6303, Stationery Office, 75p.)

One in four killings are of children, survey shows

By Clive Borrell

A Home Office survey published yesterday on homicides in England and Wales during a five-year period disclosed that one in four of all victims of murder and manslaughter were children under the age of 16. Most of the children, it says, were killed by either one or both parents.

Between 1967 and 1971 there were reports of 2,145 incidents which were classified as homicides, of which 728 were reclassified as murder, 940 as manslaughter and 95 as infanticide. The remaining 382 were finally classified as "no offence of homicide".

The report, which was prepared by Mrs Evelyn Gibson for the Home Office Statistical Department, says: "The pattern for murder was very similar to that found in previous years. Most of the victims were closely associated with the suspects and were killed for personal or emotional reasons, especially rage, quarrels and jealousy."

The youthfulness of offenders described in earlier reports had continued. Stabbing or cutting with weapons continued to be the most frequent method of "normal" murder. As before, those who committed suicide-murder showed certain differences from the "normal" murderers in that shooting was the most usual method. They tended to be older, and they were responsible for most of the murders of children.

"Normal" murderers are classified in the report as offenders not suffering from judicially determined abnormality of mind who did not commit suicide before conviction.

Homicide in England and Wales (Home Office Research Study 31, 90p).

Couple told to leave henhouse

Mr Brian Street, aged 39, and his wife were given three months yesterday to leave a converted henhouse on an allotment at Cheltenham where they have lived for three years.

Judge Rawlins gave possession of the allotment and hut to Gloucestershire County Council, the landowners. The council have offered Mr Street a cottage about four miles away.

Search for £1,000 prize winner

The Department for National Savings yesterday appealed to 128 holders of winning Premium Savings Bonds to come forward to claim their prizes. Their names and full addresses are not known because the procedure for registration has failed.

They include number 3HT 948031, which has won £1,000 for its owner in Dyfed, Wales.

National Front factions urged to keep quiet

Rival factions in the National Front were advised by Mr Justice Goulding in the High Court yesterday to keep quiet about an internal dispute that has split the party leadership.

By consent, injunction proceedings seeking reinstatement of 10 members of the front's governing body were adjourned until next Tuesday. The 10 have started an action claiming they were wrongly expelled or suspended.

Mr John Tyndall, policy chairman, Mr Andrew Fountaine, deputy chairman, and eight other members of the party's national directorate are suing Mr John Kingsley Read, the chairman, and nine other directorate members over disciplinary proceedings.

Mr Tyndall and his supporters are seeking an injunction to stop further meetings of the national directorate in their absence, and to stop the others interfering with their rights of membership and access to the front's Croydon headquarters.

Boy stabbed his mother's lover to death

A boy aged 15 was yesterday ordered by a judge to be detained for five years for stabbing his mother's lover and killing him.

Mr Justice Cobb told the boy at the Central Criminal Court that he was getting an opportunity to begin life completely afresh.

The boy's father, aged 46, was jailed for four years after the jury found him not guilty of murder but guilty of manslaughter. The boy denied murdering the man. A plea of manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility was accepted.

Mr Brian Warling, for the prosecution, said that father and son had attacked Mr Robert Franklin, aged 39, a lorry driver, after he arrived in his car outside the home of the boy's mother's parents, where she was living.

The father and son had been provoked by seeing Mr Franklin and the boy's mother kissing in the car.

Chairmen's notes of evidence help courts

Thomas v Aluminium Platers (Leeds) Ltd

The practice of chairmen of industrial tribunals supplying notes of evidence for the purposes of an appeal to the High Court was a good one, Mr Justice Phillips said. It should be continued in spite of the considerable burden of dictation and copying imposed on them and their staff.

Appeals to the High Court lay only on a point of law. The case strictly came up on the tribunal's written decision and in that respect was similar to a case stated by magistrates. On an appeal from magistrates by case stated it was expressly provided that the material before the court should be limited to the case stated and should not include notes of evidence unless there was to be a submission that there was no evidence to support the findings of fact. Technically much the same considerations applied on appeals from industrial tribunals.

Some question had been raised about the utility of the notes of evidence supplied by chairmen. The practice was a good one and should continue. It was not always easy for chairmen to get into their written decision all the matters which the court might wish to know about or on which the parties wanted to rely. It was of the greatest possible assistance to have notes of evidence. His Lordship hoped the practice would continue as long as chairmen did not find it an unreasonable burden.

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WEST EUROPE

Señor Arias stays in office with powers to carry out reforms

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Dec 5

King Juan Carlos confirmed Señor Carlos Arias Navarro as Prime Minister today and gave him unprecedented powers to carry out reforms of the administrative structure.

Señor Arias offered his resignation a week ago so that the King could have a free hand in choosing his own man. It is believed that the King asked Señor Arias to stay on so that he could carry out some of the reforms he promised on February 12 last year and which were blocked during General Franco's rule.

Señor Arias is expected to dismiss some of his ministers next week. The composition of his new Cabinet will give an *indication of the Government's* intentions towards democracy. Señor Arias is expected to remain Prime Minister until early in the spring.

How far the old guard of Franco supporters will allow him to go, or how much time opposition groups will give him, remains to be seen.

The Cabinet considered the plan to reform the Administration and create new ministries at its meeting today. The scheme will modernize the administrative structure and simplify some functions.

Under the plan the information part will be taken away *from the Ministry of Information* and Tourism and become the responsibility of the Deputy Prime Minister. The three military ministries will be combined into one. The plan provides for new ministries of transport and tourism, health and welfare, *youth, sport* and family, and defence, according to informed sources.

It is expected that the King will issue a decree confirming the plan on the recommendation of the Cabinet and it will not be presented to the Cortes for approval.

Spanish bishops have called for "the widest possible interpretation" of the King's general pardon. The standing committee of the Spanish Episcopal Council said in a *statement today that this was* necessary to achieve national harmony.

The Commission for Justice and Peace, a church-based organization, has reiterated its *demand for an amnesty and the* recognition of basic human rights, in a telegram sent to the King.

Señor Joaquin Ruiz Gimenez, a former Minister of Education, who is now Christian Democrat leader, and president of the commission, was to speak about the general pardon today, but the meeting was banned.

Controversy still surrounds article 3 of the general pardon decree which excludes people imprisoned under the anti-terrorist decree of August 27 for belonging to an illegal organization. It is still not clear whether this means that people *arrested under the August* decree are excluded from the pardon or whether the pardon is not applicable to any member of an illegal political organization.

According to figures published in the monarchist newspaper *ABC*, 1,879 prisoners have been released, including 76 political ones as well as 1,423 people in prison awaiting trial, including 159 held for political reasons.

This means that just over 10 per cent of the estimated 2,000 political prisoners have been released.



A child hostage leaves the consulate at gunpoint.

Wire round throat of hostage

Continued from page 1

official of the Dutch Justice Ministry.

Some 10 minutes later the two men emerged with three small Indonesian girls. They could have been no more than eight years old and they walked so unsteadily that an official had to stand between two of them and hold their *arms to comfort them.*

One of the girls, with long, black hair and a bright yellow *pullover, smiled when she saw* the uniformed policemen and an ambulance at the end of the adjoining street. Before she climbed into the vehicle she waved towards a detective.

Less than half an hour later two schoolboys were released and a little later two more children came out with Mr Metiari. Under the eyes of police marksmen holding carbines and Dutch marines armed with Israeli-made Uzi submachine-guns, the schoolboys were led from the other side of the consulate, shaking and apparently dazed by the lights of the television cameras, before being lifted into another ambulance.

A doctor in the vehicle began shouting at press cameramen to stop blinding the children with their flashlights *before the vehicle drove away* between armoured police tenders. A consular official who spoke to the children said that he thought the Moluccans did not want to harm the hostages.

"I *think they will not harm* them", he said, "because they are basically good men." This is a view which is clearly not shared by either the Government or the police here. At his press conference this evening, Mr den Uyl said that while the shooting of the train driver and the first passenger, which occurred within minutes of the train hijacking four days ago, might have been an act of panic, the killing of the second passenger yesterday was "cold blooded murder".

Photographs published today in Dutch newspapers show in close-up exactly what happened on the train at Beilen. One photograph shows the passenger kneeling at the sliding doors of the train. The second shows him toppling forward after being shot, his hands tied behind his back.

Throughout the day the *police and marines* have surrounded the train and the consulate building, careful to show the guerrillas that they were *present in strength but unwilling* to risk the lives of the hostages by threatening an attack.

They were probably wise to do so since at one point during *the morning*, a blindfolded Indonesian man dressed in a green sweater was forced to stand for 20 minutes at the point of a sub machine-gun on the balcony of the grey five-storey consulate in Brachthuyserstraat.

At first he seemed to be alone but then police and journalists noticed that a piece of wire flex was tied round his throat. Photographs taken with telescopic lenses by press photographers later revealed that the other end of the wire was in the hands of a man wearing a black hood.

At Beilen, where a doctor *who is being held hostage on* the train reported the passengers to be hungry, the Moluccans allowed the authorities to remove the bodies of the murdered men from the railway embankment. A Red Cross bus moved up to the train where it is standing in the damp, partially mist covered fields and a doctor with two assistants then had the grisly task of taking away the corpses.

Left-wing naval officers arrested in Portugal

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Dec 5

A former member of the Portuguese Revolutionary Council, Lieutenant-Commander Carlos Almada Contreiras, has been arrested after his dismissal yesterday from the council.

Another former member of *the council*, Lieutenant Miguel Judas, who was ousted in September, has also been detained. Both naval officers were prominent members of the left-wing military faction which is being held responsible for last week's military uprising.

The naval hierarchy was the most predominantly left-wing of the three military services and five of its officers are now in prison because of their alleged implication in the revolt. A further 17 are under house arrest.

Lieutenant Judas was the head of the commission of inquiry investigating the secret police network of the previous right-wing dictatorship. The new head of the commission, General Rabeiro Faria, has announced that there will be an investigation of allegations that the files of the secret police were handed over to left-wing parties.

In Coimbra, central Portugal, last night a group calling itself a national anti-fascist movement demanded the release of more than 100 military personnel who have been detained since the insurrection. The meeting observed a minute's silence for a military police*man killed when the left-wing* military police regiment clashed with loyal troops, two of whom also died in the clash.

The wife of one of the detained officers claimed that the prisoners were being held incommunicado and were being interrogated without the presence of defence lawyers. It was decided at the meeting to demonstrate tomorrow outside the prison where the soldiers are detained.

OVERSEAS

Senate filibuster attempt fails to stop President Ford's loan rescue Bill for New York

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Dec 5

New York will shortly become eligible to obtain federal government loans to save it *from bankruptcy*. A lastditch stand against legislation providing for the loans was defeated in the Senate today.

The opponents of the rescue Bill had hoped to delay in*definitely the legislation by* mustering 41 of the 100 Senate votes in opposition to a motion to limit the length of time spent on the Bill. Today the Senate voted 70 to 27 on a *motion of cloture, defeating* those filibustering tactics.

The cloture vote was critical, because New York is already without cash and solely dependent on aid from its municipal pension funds, which would not save the city next Friday, as they did today with a $135m (about £66m) loan.

The opponents of the Bill had tried to delay its acceptance until after next *Friday in* order to ensure that the city went bankrupt.

Opposition to the Bill was led by Senator James Allen, a *Democrat from Alabama*, supported by all the conservative Republican senators. President Ford had proposed the legislation and he is bound to be distressed that no conservative Republican *in either the* Senate or the House of Representatives supported him.

Their opposition was based on provisions in the Bill until recently opposed by the President himself. Mr Ford said in October that he saw a serious threat to the "traditional balance" of legal relationships among federal, state and local governments in congressional action to save New York.

The Bill upsets that "traditional balance" by giving the Secretary of the Treasury and the General Accounting Office *full powers* to supervise the financial affairs of New York city, thus making the federal government responsible for local government affairs.

Another reason for opposition was *that it was drafted so* quickly that it contains many ambiguous provisions. The Bill suggests for example, that loans should be given when the Treasury Secretary is satisfied that adequate collateral exists. Senators say there is no point in that provision, because if such collateral did exist, the city could get loans from other sources.

Conservatives also see *a loop*hole which may allow New York to hold government loans for longer than the two and a half years stipulated by President Ford. The Bill states that the Secretary of the Treasury can take any action with regard to repayment that he wants if he believes "the interests of the United States" are at stake.

Greek-Turkish regular meetings proposed

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, Dec 5

Mr Caglayangil, the Turkish Foreign Minister, proposed today periodic meetings between the foreign ministers of Greece and Turkey, and called for the *resumption of the intercom*munal Cyprus talks with the participation of representatives from Athens and Ankara.

In a statement, Mr Caglayangil said that "the special representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations may also be present at these talks".

The foreign ministers' meetings would aim at putting an end to "the present situation, which is damaging to Turkish-*Greek relations". Such talks* had been mentioned at his meeting with Mr Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister, in Rome.

Mr Caglayangil also suggested that "the committees estab*lished to find solutions to the* problems of air space in the Aegean and its continental shelf" should hasten their work and that new committees should be set up to consider "other *problems in the Aegean and the* minorities issue".

Our Athens Correspondent writes: The Turkish proposal for a resumption of the Cyprus negotiations in a new form was seen by Greek officials as calculated to avert the risk of *another* American arms embargo on Turkey. Congress had ruled that within 60 days of the partial lifting of the arms ban on Turkey, President Ford would have to report in writing what progress Turkey had made towards a solution of the Cyprus problem.

The Greek side, which had already intimated to Turkey its willingness to restart the *inter*communal negotiations, believes that it is essential that the talks should remain under the auspices of Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General.

Israel boycott as PLO is given UN hearing

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Dec 5

The United Nations Security Council today continued its unprecedented debate on Israel raids in Lebanon with Israel absent, boycotting the proceedings, and the Palestine Liberation Organization delegate *seated at the table.*

The PLO presence, at the invitation last night of a majority of council members, overshadowed the proceedings. Where Mr Daniel Moynihan, *the United Nations representa*tive, last night spoke against the participation of "an amorphous terrorist organization", today the Soviet Union saluted the "historic moment".

Mr Jacob Malik, the Soviet representative, denounced the raids as "premeditated state terrorism" and called for a reconvening of the Geneva conference with the PLO present; something Israel has vowed not to accept.

A resolution strongly condemning Israel for the raids was circulated, but not introduced, in the name of a non-aligned group of Cameroon, *Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania* and Tanzania.

If formally introduced it will probably be vetoed by the United States when the council reconvenes on Monday.

Last night Mr Basel Aql, who heads the PLO delegation, issued a tirade against Israel when he addressed the council. He accused Israel of "racist-Zionist massacre" and he promised that the Palestinians would continue armed struggle until they exercised "our right to self-determination and national independence".

Today Mr Moynihan expressed sorrow at the loss of life in the raids, but said the United States was prepared only to support a resolution deploring the violent actions of all the parties.

David Spanier writes: The outlook in the Middle East is "very bad indeed" according to sources close to Mr Rabin, the Israel Prime Minister. The decision to give the PLO a seat at the Security Council debate on the air raids on refugee camps effectively ends any hope of a "second step" towards disengagement with Syria, in the Israel view.

The chances of agreement with Syria were very slim, in any case, but Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, had been in touch with the Syrian leaders and held out the hope that some positive results might emerge early in the new year. That path is now closed.

Instead, Israel foresees a stalemate, in which the Arab countries promoting the PLO at the United Nations will find that no progress is possible, the point being underlined by Israel boycotting any proceedings where the PLO is present.

It is assumed that Arab tactics will now be directed towards getting a vote in the Security Council for sanctions against Israel, which the United States would certainly veto.

But in the general intensification of the propaganda campaign against Israel, feelings on both sides are bound to run high, and there is therefore a risk of more trouble on the Syrian-Israel ceasefire line.

The move to seat the PLO was seen by Israel as Soviet-inspired with the primary purpose to throw Dr Kissinger's own diplomacy off course and restore Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Moscow, it is recalled, tried the same tactic when the Cyprus crisis first started. But *the British Government acted* swiftly to prevent it, by urging talks between the parties directly concerned.

Mr Ford seeks to reassure Indonesia leaders

Jakarta, Dec 5.—President Ford arrived here from Peking today and told President Suharto of Indonesia that China will not try to wreck *American-backed security in* South-east Asia.

President Ford came here for a 20-hour visit mainly to reassert American interest in Indonesia's security and its *continuing commitment* to Asian security despite its setbacks in Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Mr Ford was reported to be "very satisfied" with the *results of his talks with Chair*man Mao Tse-tung and other Chinese leaders.—Reuter.

Policeman shoots two officers in anger

Barranquilla, Colombia, Dec 5.—Angered by a reprimand for arriving late for work, a policeman opened fire on his *superiors today, killing two* officers before being shot dead.

Dissidents' silent protest in Moscow



*Moscow, Dec 5.—While mos*t Moscow citizens quietly relaxe on the holiday, a small grou of men and women stood hatle under a cold drizzle in Pushki *Square today to mark Constit*tion Day with a silent prote

Dr Andrei Sakharov, year's Nobel peace prize wi and retired General Grigorenko, who spen years in a mental asylum his human rights activities the demonstration in fron the statue of Pushkin, *nineteenth-century poet*, w lent his voice to the prote against Tsarist tyranny.

It was the tenth anniversa of the Constitution Day prote *against the arrest and subs*quent trial of Yuli Daniel a Andrei Sinyavsky, the dissiden writers.

In what has now become tradition for Moscow's dissiden community, some 50 Russian let themselves be counted they stood with heads bare and bowed amid a crowd of 300. The dissidents were protesting against what they believe to be the state's widespread viola tions of the Soviet constitution on paper one of the world's most democratic charter of rights.

Among the crowd there were many foreign journalists and men who seemed certain to be plain clothes policemen, although they did not identify themselves.

Some used *their elbows to* move bystanders, especially photographers. Others stood along the fringes and closely scrutinized faces. Others again took photographs of the crowd.

But police, following a policy of the past three years, did not stop the demonstration, which began at 6 pm, or disperse the crowd. After a minute's silence, the dissidents put on their fur hats and the crowd soon broke up.

Some of the people seemed to be curious passers-by, drawn by the unusually large crowd in front of Pushkin's statue. When told that this was a public demonstration, some hurriedly left. Public protests are rare and unthinkable actions for most Soviet citizens. Others stayed and stared.—AP.

Dr Sakharov indicts Soviet society

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel peace prize-winner and the father of the Russian H-bomb, has become the leading dissident still speaking from his native land. *The Sunday Times* tomorrow publishes an *extract from his new book My Country and the World*, just published by Collins, *in which* he makes another shattering indictment of Soviet society and an eloquent appeal to the liberal intelligentsia of the West.

Bavarian party rejects bribery charge

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Dec 5

The Christian Social Union, the Bavarian wing of the federal Opposition in Bonn, today emphatically denied that Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, its leader, or anyone else had taken bribes from the American aircraft firm Lockheed.

"Neither the CSU nor its leading personalities have ever received one pfennig from the Lockheed company. There is not even knowledge of any such attempt. The Lockheed company also never made hints or offers of this kind", a spokesman for the party said.

The allegation that such bribes were made was attributed by the *Wall Street Journal* to Mr Ernest Hauser, a Lockheed representative who worked in West Germany from 1961 to 1964.

Strike closes Paris papers again

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Dec 5

For the seventh time in six months Paris went without its newspapers today after the printers' union had abruptly decided last night to withdraw labour. This was in protest over a charge earlier by anti-riot police which had injured some 20 printers from *Le Parisien Libéré* who had gone to a meeting attended by President Giscard d'Estaing to demand negotiations over their nine-month-old dispute.

Once again *Parisien Libéré*, printed outside Paris with non-communist union labour, was the only daily to appear in the capital. Thus, the Government's refusal to compel M Emile Amaury, its proprietor, to negotiate a settlement of his dispute with the unemployed printers is highlighted once again, as is the complete grip the Paris printers have over the papers belonging to the other hapless proprietors.

In a statement, the Paris Proprietors' Association, to which M Amaury does not belong, described last night's order by the communist Inter-Press Union Committee to suspend publication as a grave attack on the Paris press, forcing men to leave their work.

M Michel Poniatowski, the Interior Minister, told Parliament today that the short but violent clashes between the police and the printers, some of whom carried iron bars, *occurred as the men tried to* enter a hall where the President was speaking. Sixteen policemen were injured.

This latest flare up over the *Parisien Libéré* also provoked angry scenes in Parliament today between the Minister and the Communists.

M Georges Marchais, their leader, demanded M Poniatowski's resignation after the Interior Minister had accused the party of being "an organization of disorder and illegality in schools and industrial enterprises". *Later a Communist* delegation protested to M Edgar Faure, the president of the National Assembly.

M Poniatowski was replying to an assertion that trade union *liberties were being restricted* by the Government. He explained that the *Parisien Libéré* demonstration last night had not been authorized and mentioned last month's attempt *by the printers to enter the* National Assembly's courtyard to put pressure on deputies. However, 450 demonstrations had been authorized in Paris in the past 10 months.

Journalists on *L'Aurore*, one of the Paris dailies affected, today told the printers that their action struck at "freedom of information".

Church retaliates in Chile over ban on procession

From Florencia Varas
Santiago, Dec 5

Relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Chilean Government were said by church sources today to have reached breaking point after a government ban on a traditional religious procession.

The church reacted by cancelling all religious celebrations on that day, including a Mass senior government ministers were to attend.

The Government banned the procession to the shrine of the Virgin in Maipu outside San*tiago because it claimed there* was a communist plot to infiltrate people into the procession who would carry banners and slogans against President Pinochet. Paralysing gas would also be used to give the impression that the church was being persecuted.

The true significance of the procession and Masses on Monday, however, lay in the fact that Cardinal Silva Henriquez had asked all Catholics, on the occasion of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, to pray for the reunification of all Chileans and the protection of human rights.

The procession was expected *to be one of the largest public* demonstrations since the present government seized power.

Thor cuts trawler's warp and outpaces warships

From Michael Horsnell
On board the support ship *Miranda, off south-east* Iceland, Dec 5

An Iceland gunboat again slipped through the Royal Navy protection net off south-east Iceland yesterday and *harassed a trawler after a* 28-knot chase that left British protection vessels helpless.

The gunboat Thor then tried to harass a second trawler but was headed-off by the ocean-going tug Lloydsman.

Later Captain John Tait, the tactical commander of the Royal Navy's "cod war" operation, signalled commanders of protection vessels to "cool it" after angry exchanges during the heat of the battle between the captain of the Thor and Commander N. I. C. "Nick" Kettlewell, of the frigate Brighton.

A collision seemed at one time certain between the Lloydsman and the Thor, and the two vessels were once within 6ft of each other before the Thor slipped away. The Royal Navy afterwards described *the eventual heading-off of* the Thor as the first major victory for the protection force.

The Icelandic gunboat took advantage of the appalling *weather, heavy snowstorms and* a force eight gale, to make its latest killing. As before, a decoy was used to tie up the protection vessels.

The Odin went close to the south of the trawler pack early in the night, taking a passive role, but occupying the frigate Falmouth and the tug Star Aquarius. Then the Thor steamed south towards the pack under the cover of the snowstorm.

The Star Aquarius moved in from the west to intercept and was forced by the weather conditions to come in close to *make a positive identification.* As soon as it did, the Thor put on speed and outpaced it.

The frigate Brighton and the tugs Euroman and Lloydsman converged on the Thor. But the gunboat already had its cutter out and beat the protection vessels to the Grimsby trawler Ross Ramillies, cutting one warp.

The Thor then sped toward another Grimsby trawler, the Black Watch, but it had already hauled the net in. By then the protection vessels were able to force the Thor away.

Captain Tait signalled protection vessel commanders later, telling them that their role was simply "peace in our time, and good fishing".

During the exchange between the Thor and the Brighton, the captain of the Thor said over the radio: "*Oh* what a seaman, oh what a seaman" in a sarcastic tone that stirred Commander Kettlewell to reply that the Icelandic commander needed a Royal Navy course in *seamanship at Portsmouth*. Commander Kettlewell was then invited to drop dead by his adversary.

The Foreign Office has instructed Mr Kenneth East, the British Ambassador in Reykjavik, to protest about the actions of the Icelandic gunboat Thor yesterday.

Music From The Schools Prom

The Times Educational Supplement is producing a long playing record album of the first-ever Schools Prom

The album, which will consist of two records, features music—recorded live at The Albert Hall—by all twelve groups which took part.

The twelve groups featured on the album are: The High Wycombe Music Centre Concert Band, St Anne's Chamber Ensemble, Southampton, Elmwood Junior School Steel Band, Croydon, Woking County Grammar School for Girls Orchestra, The Tabor Recorder Consort, Chelmsford, Kingsdale School Dance Band, London, The Darlington Youth Big Band, The Colchester Accordion Orchestra, Itchen Sixth Form College Wind Quintet, Southampton, The Brighton Youth Orchestra, The Pro Corda String Orchestra, Weybridge, and the Teesside Youth Orchestra.

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Wrangle prevents German attack on farm spending

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Dec 5

EEC member governments who, like the French, are anxious to preserve the Community's agricultural policy intact, are relieved that the long wrangle with Britain at this week's Rome summit effectively prevented the West Germans from mounting an assault on farm spending.

They were all prepared for Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to come forward with a whole series of controversial ideas for changes, like getting producers to pay *out of their own pockets* for reducing milk surpluses and lifting the Community's present beef import restrictions.

Indeed, Herr Schmidt had served notice of such intentions in a private note to his fellow heads of government last month. The document—which set out the Chancellor's ideas, among other things, on economic and monetary union, political cooperation and monetary policy—also contained some far-reaching proposals for agricultural reform.

In the beef, milk and wine sectors, Herr Schmidt emphasized that the Community's farm price policy must in future be much more closely geared to market forces of supply and demand.

One of the ideas he apparently had in mind was a series of regular meetings among ministers of the Nine to review the market situation in these *products, and if there were sur*pluses to agree to reduce the guaranteed minimum prices paid to farmers. This would have been complete anathema to the French, who consider *the price support system one* of the unassailable pillars of the farm policy.

French skier in coma after fall

Val d'Isère, Dec 5.—Michel Dujon, one of France's main skiing hopes, was in an advanced coma with a fractured skull in hospital today after a fall in practice at Tignes yesterday, French team officials said.

He had collided with a tourist during a high speed glide trial. One of his skis came off and struck his head.

President Leone's visit

Valetta, Dec 5.—President Leone of Italy became the first European head of state to visit Malta since it became a republic last December when he arrived today.

Danish Premier ill

Copenhagen, Dec 5.—Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, has been admitted to hospital here with rheumatic fever, sources said today.

Mozambique and Zambia plan direct rail link

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Dec 5

Both Zambia and Mozambique are keen to construct direct railway links in the near future, Mr James Mapoma, the Minister of Power, Transport and *Works, told Parliament.*

But before embarking on such a venture the two governments must carry out extensive feasibility studies to determine the cost and profitability of the *project, he added.*

The proposed railway will run from Lusaka through Feira, entering Mozambique at Zumbo.

Landlocked Zambia and Malawi are also carrying out feasibility studies for the construction of yet another railway link.

Britain blamed for spread of racism

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Dec 5

Dr Philip Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), today accused Britain of being responsible for the most racist system in history.

He was speaking at World Council's assembly in Nairobi, where the organization's *pro*gramme to combat racism (PCR) has come under criticism, particularly from British delegates.

Dr Potter said: "I am sorry to say that the places which have criticized the PCR have been the most racist in history, especially Britain. Wherever the British have gone in the world they have established a *racist system.* The PCR is a call for national repentance."

Dr Potter's comments were regarded as a reaction to the strong views which have been expressed at the assembly. A few days ago the Bishop of *Truro, the Right Rev Graham* Leonard, led a number of other delegates in a walkout from one of the assembly committees, protesting against an apparent wish to push through extremist *views.* The group later returned and their opinions were incorporated in the report.

When the report of the assembly section on liberation was presented today, a British Anglican delegate, Mr Tom Wright, suggested that the WCC had laid itself open to a charge of operating one law for the right and one for the left.

"We do our brothers and sisters in South Africa no service by adopting a double standard", he declared. "We merely give the supporters of their government one more reason for ignoring what we are saying."

Echoing the Bishop of Truro's earlier views, Mr Wright, research student at Merton College, Oxford, complained that many delegates felt that the committees of the assembly were often dominated by advisers, fraternal delegates and staff of the WCC. The delegates considered they had almost no power at all as a result.

He added: "There is a real danger that the WCC sets up its own structures of injustice."

Dr M. M. Thomas, the Indian moderator of the session, at first suggested that Mr Wright was *out of order but did not pursue* his point when loud applause from the delegates clearly supported Mr Wright.

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General Jack Dutton (left), of the South African Army, talking to "Lieutenant ", local commander of the FNLA, in Chitado, southern Angola.

ngolan border region under full ntrol of South African forces

Nicholas Ashford
ue, Angola, Dec 5

South African Army e gun posts are perched of the huge dam wall is nearing completion n the Cunene river, about s inside Angola. Near by, African national service- armed with automatic and light machine guns ployed around the con- on site to protect the nd the 1,500 white and workers from possible

e South African troops g in at the airstrip out- Calueque. Others are ng another dam being n the Angolan side of the r with South-West Africa uacana Falls, about 30 to the west. All the er posts are manned by Africans.

urther 25 miles west, the Africans are supplying food and medical assist- to about 650 refugees, y white, in a camp at a town called Chitado. The is run by the Angolan nal Liberation Front A), one of the three move- s fighting for the control ngola.

e FNLA has a motley force out 110 armed men there. claim that they drove the rival left-wing Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) out of the region some time ago. The FNLA commander, a bearded white Angolan, aged 28, who introduced himself simply as Lieutenant Paulo, said they were "protecting the rearguard in the liberated areas. We organize our defence by ourselves as South Africa says it does not want to intervene".

After spending two days on both the Angolan and South-West African side of the border, it is clear to me that the South Africans are in total control of the Calueque-Ruacana area. Their troops, vehicles and helicopters move freely back and forth across the border almost as though this part of Angola was their own territory.

Mr Jannie de Wet, the High Commissioner for the indigenous people of South-West Africa, made it clear that the troops will remain as long as the civil war in Angola continues and particularly so long as the Soviet-backed MPLA is a "threat" to this part of southern Africa.

A group of foreign correspondents was taken on a tour of the region by a South African military team headed by Major-General Jack Dutton. The purpose was to show why South Africa had thought it necessary to intervene.

According to Mr de Wet, troops were sent across the border early last August in response to a request by the "government" of Ovambo, the tribal homeland on the South-West African side of the border. They were asked to protect the water pumping station at Calueque and the irrigation canal which runs from there to Ovamboland.

The South Africans maintain that the canal is vital for the survival of Ovamboland, a large dry, flat expanse of bush veld. If the water was cut off, people and cattle would die.

The Calueque dam is also an important element in the hydro-electric scheme being built at Ruacana Falls. This project, when complete, will provide power for a large part of South-West Africa.

The South Africans make the point that the whole project has been financed with South African money—about £100m so far. Therefore, they say, they are justified in protecting their own interests.

Nevertheless, it is strange that a group of tribal leaders in Ovamboland can call on the South African Government to occupy territory belonging to a third country.

NLA troops retreat after sing battle near Luanda

nda, Dec 5.—The Western- FNLA has suffered a defeat at the hands of the -backed MPLA in a big for Caxito, a key road n 30 miles from Luanda, s troops are retreating ards.

little town, deserted long its civilian population, already changed hands efore the MPLA chased forces out again this

as from Caxito that the ased FNLA and the movement Unita (Union otal Angolan Independ- launched their thrust to- Luanda last month. Their ce there was seen by the as a persistent threat to pital.

A gunners got within of the city's water pump- ing station at Quifangondo, 18 miles outside the city.

Details of the Caxito battle are not clear, but the MPLA captured large amounts of arms and ammunition of United States and Belgian origin.

Huambo, formerly Nova Lisboa, Dec 5.—The Joint government set up by the FNLA and Unita is to organize a single "national" army.

The integration of Unita and FNLA forces was part of a programme announced by the new government after its formal swearing-in at Huambo yesterday.

The joint government is headed by two prime ministers, Mr Johny Edouardo Pinnock (FNLA) and Mr José Ndele (Unita), who will hold office in alternate months. Mr Pinnock is Prime Minister for this month.

hitlam-Murdoch clash livens poll campaign

Michael Leapman
y, Dec 5

exchange of insults en Mr Gough Whitlam, abour Party leader, and upert Murdoch, the news- proprietor, has enlivened Australian election cam- as it enters its final week. itest Gallup poll indicates he Liberal-Country Party on is increasing its lead Labour, and should win rtably.

Murdoch's company, Limited, owns two large newspapers in Australia— *ustralian* and the Sydney *Telegraph*. He also owns *un* and *The News of the* in London and other apers in Australia and the d States.

a statement today, Mr ch accused Mr Whitlam aking "highly irrespon- entirely false, scurrilous defamatory" comments the attitude of Mr Mur- newspapers towards r. and the alleged motive ar attitude. Yesterday, hitlam had suggested that urdoch's opposition to him be connected with a con- sy over bauxite develop-

Whitlam said that Mr ch, in association with ultinational Reynolds Alu- m Company, wanted to develop a bauxite deposit near Perth. Mr Whitlam's Government refused to allow the project, partly because of its opposition to allowing overseas interests to have a voice in Australian mineral development.

Mr Whitlam described Mr Murdoch's control of his newspapers as "odious". He alleged that some reporters from the Murdoch newspapers who were travelling with Mr Whitlam had their reports suppressed if they were too favourable to the Labour leader.

Unless the opinion polls are inaccurate, the election is slipping from Mr Whitlam's grasp. Today's Gallup poll suggests that 55 per cent of people will vote for the Liberal-Country Party coalition and only 38 per cent for Labour. *The Sun*, in Sydney estimates that this could give Mr Fraser's coalition a win by an impressive 51 seats.

Suggestions that Mr Whitlam was implicated in the loans scandal which helped to bring his Government down lost some credibility today. Mr Frank Stewart, a former Labour minister and former vice-president of the Executive Council, denied the accuracy of a report this week that he had told the Governor-General that Mr Whitlam had more to do with the affair than he admitted.

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New Laos regime celebrates victory

From Bruce Palling
Vientiane, Dec 5

The head of state of the newly proclaimed People's Republic of Laos held a grand reception this evening in the former King's Vientiane residence on the shores of the Mekong river. Only a fortnight ago, King Savang Vatthana held a soirée in the grounds, but this evening there was not a trace of his presence to be seen.

The entire diplomatic corps in Laos, from the North Vietnamese to the Americans, turned out to hear the celebratory speech of Prince Souphanouvong, the new President, delivered on the steps of the King's residence, which is now draped in flags proclaiming Laotian prosperity, freedom and independence.

Flanking President Souphanouvong was his half-brother, Prince Souvanna Phouma, who stepped down as Prime Minister on Wednesday, and Mr Kaysone Phomvihane, the new Prime Minister.

A number of other former members of the now defunct coalition Government were also present at the celebration, as well as some members of the former royal family.

No public celebrations have been held in Vientiane yet to welcome the final victory of the pro-communist Pathet Lao. However, schoolchildren have been told to prepare for some big celebrations in the near future.

According to diplomatic sources, virtually the entire Central Committee of the Lao Patriotic Front, the political arm of the Pathet Lao, are presently in Vientiane. For several committee members it is the first visit to Vientiane for nearly 20 years.

A reply to President Souphanouvong's speech was given by Mr Le Van Hien, the North Vietnamese Ambassador to Laos, in his capacity of doyen of the Diplomatic Corps.

After the border shootings between Thailand and Laos, Thailand has sealed the Mekong river border opposite Vientiane and severe shortages have developed here in foodstuffs, petroleum and other essential commodities. This did not prevent tonight's celebrations and the tables in the residency grounds were crammed with traditional Lao dishes.

gentine pledge to wipe out subversion

Jane Monahan
s Aires, Dec 5

the funeral last night of al Jorge Esteban Caceres, ormer police chief killed Montoneros guerrilla am- near Parana, a senior ting Army officer said: are not going to give (the guerrillas) a truce. are going to annihilate

neral Caceres and his wife were murdered on Wednesday night. In the funeral speech, General Luciano Jauregui, a tank commander said: "Those of us who are active are going to fight and win in whatever territory they choose; in the hills of Tucuman, in the streets of our cities, in the factories where they are trying to sabotage our production, in the universities where they are poisoning our youth with foreign doctrines, in the media which try to distort our national image, in the church which tries to change our God, in the venal and complacent courts, and in political organizations or any institution where they have infiltrated."

The funeral was attended by General Alejandro Lanusse, a former President, who handed over power to the Peronists in May, 1973.

PARLIAMENT, December 5, 1975

Independent element in handling of complaints against police: no double-jeopardy rule kept

House of Commons

MR ROY JENKINS, Home Secretary (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab), moving the second reading of the Police Bill, said it was designed to introduce an effective independent element into the handling of complaints against the police. There had been for some time a measure of agreement that this was needed but less agreement on how it should be achieved.

The Bill offered an effective and practical way of proceeding, balancing the need to satisfy serious complaints with the need neither to hobble the police nor to burden them and the country with an excessive bureaucratic machine. It also preserved important principles from the point of view of the police—the rule of no double jeopardy and authority of chief officers for discipline within their forces.

These proposals did not arise from any general lack of confidence in the police, but there had long been unease that the handling of complaints against the police appeared to be largely in their own hands and that therefore there was the position in which the police could be seen as judge and jury in their own court. It was a matter of seeing that justice was done as well as believing, as he *did*, that it was done at present.

It was important that everything possible should be done to allay that unease. It was equally important that they should do nothing, particularly in these times of stress and violence, to undermine the morale of the police nor to hinder them in their vital tasks, nor to add more than was necessary to the time or cost of examining complaints.

An essential ingredient of any scheme, if it was to command public confidence, was that it should come into play while the complaint was still under consideration and not merely in *ex post facto* way. An inquiry after the event with no power to influence it would not suffice.

He did not think that a police authority could be seen, or could be expected to be seen, to be wholly independent in relation to the force it was required to provide, and that was why an independent body covering the whole country was proposed.

In 1974, of a total of 17,500 complaints against the police a quarter were withdrawn. In about 10 per cent of the cases where the investigation had been completed by the end of the year, the complaints were found to be substantiated. Formal disciplinary proceedings were taken in 185 cases and there were 31 convictions for criminal offences and 48 for traffic offences.

A main feature of the new scheme was that an independent Police Complaints Board would be established. The board would be concerned only with complaints which had first been dealt with under section 49 of the 1964 Act and which were against officers below the rank of chief constable, deputy chief constable or assistant chief constable. Complaints against those senior officers would continue to be dealt with as now.

Once the existing requirements of section 49 had been met, the chief officer would, unless the complaint was withdrawn, consider whether or not disciplinary charges should be brought against the officer concerned. From the figures, it followed that in the great majority of complaints no disciplinary charges were preferred and it was in those cases that an important part of the new scheme came into play.

If the chief officer concluded that there should be no disciplinary proceedings he must send a copy of the complaint, the investigating officer's report and any supporting documents, together with his reasons for his conclusion, to the new board. The board would consider the case. It would be able to obtain from the police any further information it thought might be reasonably required.

If the board agreed that there should be no disciplinary proceedings it would inform the complainant and the chief officer would inform the officer concerned. If the board thought there should be disciplinary proceedings, it would recommend to the deputy chief constable the charges it thought should be brought.

He envisaged that there would be negotiations between the deputy chief constable and the board to resolve any differing views, but in the last resort the board would be able to direct that disciplinary proceedings should be brought.

The general procedure of a disciplinary hearing before one of the new tribunals would be the same as it was now before the chief officer. The tribunal would decide on guilt, if necessary by a majority. A decision on punishment would be for the chief officer alone after consultation with the two other members. This was right as he should be, and be seen to be, the disciplinary authority for his force.

He envisaged a Police Complaints Board with the equivalent of nine full-time members. He hoped that the membership of the board would be representative of a broad range of different walks of life. He did not propose to appoint to the board serving members of police authorities.

The position of the Director of Public Prosecutions would be unaffected by the Bill. He would decide whether criminal proceedings should be brought in cases referred to him. Only when he had done so would a case be referred to the board.

Employer police forces, such as the British Transport Police, would be able to enter into arrangements with the board so that it could carry out a similar role in relation to their members.

The Bill would make the disclosure of information by the board a criminal offence except in specified cases. The board would be able to make general disclosures providing these did not identify the complaintant or the person to whom the complaint related.

The Bill extended only to England and Wales. It was hoped, if the Bill was passed in reasonable time, that the board would start work at the beginning of 1977.

Great importance must be attached to the maintenance and strengthening of public confidence in the police. The Bill was intended as a means to that end and should not be taken as a criticism of the police or their present handling of complaints.

Cumbersome and bureaucratic

MR IAN GILMOUR, Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Chesham and Amersham, C) said that when virtually everybody in the country was worried about terrorist unrest and the rising level of crime and violence, and when the police were overstretched and naturally resentful of the physical assaults upon them, what did the Government do?

They brought in a Bill, not to strengthen the police and give them additional powers, but to make it easier to facilitate complaints against the police. It was impossible to envisage a more inappropriate time to introduce it. If it had been called, as it should have been, the Complaints Against the Police Bill, its inappropriateness would have been plain to see.

The police favoured an independent assessment but not the Bill. These proposals were much more cumbersome, bureaucratic and expensive than necessary. A far less bureaucratic procedure was possible and it would have been far preferable to build in some way on the police authorities rather than setting up a new independent board.

There was a considerable difficulty, which the Home Secretary had recognized.

The chief officer (he said) in some cases will have to sit as chairman of a tribunal whose existence he did not want, trying an offence which he believed did not take place, and then punishing the policeman for an offence which the police officer did not believe happened. Then he would have to continue employing that particular man. What could more undermine the morale of the force?

The only way the chief officer could ensure he would not be overruled by the board would be to advise a junior officer that he had better plead guilty. The chief officer would then say disciplinary procedures were taking place and the matter would be closed.

I am sure this will happen a lot (he said) and will be the consequence of this new body being brought into a new relationship with existing procedure.

The Bill could be improved. It seemed unnecessary and might damage police morale. It was yet another example of the Government's inability to gear their legislative programme to the needs of the country.

MR MIKARDO (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, Lab) said while he supported the second reading of the Bill, in the hope of improvements in committee, it was regrettable that the Bill would probably not achieve the objective of people not being able to say there was one law for the police and one for ordinary people.

The Bill did not provide for an independent investigation into complaints against the police. All it provided for was an independent investigation—and not a good one at that—into the validity of a non-independent investigation. All the tribunal would be doing would be to pass judgment on the initial investigation when that initial investigation was not independent.

MR ELDON GRIFFITHS (Bury St Edmunds, C), adviser to the Police Federation, said his remarks had the full support of the federation and of the 100,000 police officers whom they represented. He accepted the principle that an independent element was needed in the judgment of complaints against the police. He did not like the Bill, its contents or its timing. It was out of touch with opinion in the country at present.

The Bill would add materially to the paper work and bureaucracy which already made far too heavy demands on operational police manpower. In present circumstances it would, from the chief officer down to the man on the beat, do nothing to help and something to hinder the maintenance of police morale.

If the Government were determined to have the Bill, and the House agreed to it, then the police, as always, would cooperate in making it work—unlike other organizations of workers who had refused to accept the will of a lawfully-elected Government and the declared will of Parliament and who had been encouraged to break the law by MPs. The Police Federation, although they disliked it, would uphold the law, however much its members and leaders might think this Bill was an ass.

A letter from the chairman of the Police Federation today said that after careful consideration they had decided that the federation would cooperate in the new system provided certain provisos were introduced at the same time.

These were that there should be no double jeopardy; that all letters and statements of complaints should be provided to the officer who was the subject of the complaint; that Police Federation funds could be used to prosecute cases of defamation; and that improvements should be introduced into the discipline appeals regulations.

We should be more concerned (he said) about complaints by the police about the lack of support they are getting at this moment from the House and country. The public are desperately concerned about the threat to public order, about the rising tide of terror and violence, about the threat to civil peace, and the risk to the citizen's ability to go about his lawful business in peace.

The public took the same view about the Bill as the federation—that the police were more sinned against than sinning and that it was time for the House to back the police and not continually to denigrate them.

There was in the country today rising concern about the new phenomenon of organized terror and political murder. The atrocities in Ulster, the bombings of Birmingham and London, the assassination of Mr McWhirter, had aroused among people a deep anger.

The Bill should be amended to include complaints by the police as well as complaints against the police. There were complaints by the police against MPs who had connived at the breaking of the law (Lab cries of "Names"). He gave the MP for Clay Cross as an example.

There were complaints by the police against MPs who expected them to risk their lives, as they did daily when the MPs had taken away from the police service what they had always regarded as the one sure protection against the armed criminal—the capital sentence.

When Labour MPs or anyone else (he said) play ducks and drakes with the law, the esteem which the policeman holds for the law is seriously impaired.

The House was showing an extraordinary lack of recognition of the reality of police operations. Under the existing procedure a police officer might have to wait as long as 18 months to discover whether or not he was to be dismissed from the service or disciplined. That shadow lay across the man, his family and his colleagues. The Government must give an assurance that the new procedure would not introduce further delay and a longer shadow over the life of the man accused.

Fear of prolonged investigations

MR DOUGLAS-MANN (Merton, Mitcham and Morden, Lab) said there were serious defects in the Bill. Apart from the fact that there was no independent element at the initiation of the complaint, another unsatisfactory aspect was that when the complaint got to the complaints board there was no provision for the complainant to make representations at that stage. There was no time limit for investigations of the complaint, some of which seemed to drag on and on.

SIR BERNARD BRAINE (South-East Essex, C), parliamentary adviser to the Police Superintendents' Association for England and Wales, said he was uneasy about the Bill.

The association thought the scheme was too centralized and too cumbersome and paid too little regard to the interests of the police authorities and to the morale of the police. The Bill would need a great deal of amendment if it was to work satisfactorily and be acceptable to the public and the police.

There was no provision in the Bill for any member of the board to be appointed by the police authorities or by the Home Secretary after consulting those authorities. The suggested composition of the board was unacceptable. The association felt it should be consulted about appointments to the board. No ex-police officer should be appointed.

MR ANDREW BENNETT (Stockport, North, Lab) said it seemed odd that the Police Federation wanted the right to use funds to take someone to court who had made allegations against a policeman. There were grounds for considering compensation for a policeman who was wrongly accused, had been suspended and suffered from worry and loss of earnings. But to take action through the courts would mean that if the defendant was rich the policeman might get some money, but if it was a poor person there would be no possibility of that.

MR LANE (Cambridge, C), adviser to the Association of Chief Police Officers, said the development of an independent element, whether exactly as proposed in the Bill or in a simplified fashion, would be an important factor in reassuring the West Indian community in its relations with the police.

The police had made efforts to bridge the gap of suspicion which had existed in some quarters between the police and the West Indian community. If the Bill was passed, the leaders of that community should also move forward to bridge the gap and end the suspicion, while backing the new efforts by the police to recruit more among the West Indian and Asian communities.

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) said he declared an interest. Some years ago he had been assaulted by a policeman and on that occasion he discovered to his amazement that if he wished to complain about the matter the police themselves would investigate it. The fundamental objection to the Bill was that it did not provide for an independent investigation of any complaints.

MR McCRINDLE (Brentwood and Ongar, C), adviser to the British Transport Police Federation, said they would not wish to escape from the responsibility in terms of complaints against them which the Bill proposed to introduce in regard to the civil police.

The Bill might be an opportunity to help the police by putting the complainant in future at risk in legal costs.

MR GARDNER (South Fylde, C), a member of the executive committee of Justice, said that visitors to Britain saw in the police force one of the wonders of the world. In no other country could they find a police force with such high standards of integrity.

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DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary Home Office (Halifax, C) said that in theory a deputy Chief Constable could do a deal with an officer who was the subject of a complaint so charges were brought, the officer pleaded guilty and the case did not go to the board. This envisaged an unacceptable standard of conduct on the part of the deputy chief constable, and assumptions made by some MPs about possible future conduct were unfortunate and should not have been made.

The Government were aware that in the course of their duty police officers might be the subject of complaints, not only without substance, but also blatantly malicious in intent. They appreciated the feelings of officers placed in this position, but these feelings must be balanced against their general concern that nothing should be done to deter those people with genuine complaints from bringing them to the attention of the police.

The new scheme should not add any significant delay to the handling of complaints, and they expected that the board would be able to deal quickly with all but the most exceptional cases.

The estimated cost of the scheme was £300,000 a year, mostly in salaries. This modest expenditure would be well worthwhile if it improved public confidence in the police. The Government was particularly concerned that there should be an increase in confidence in immigrant areas.

The Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned 4.19 pm.

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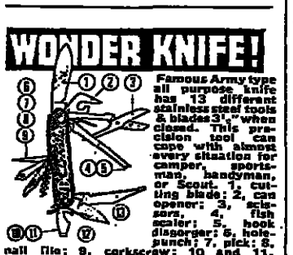
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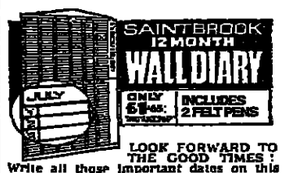
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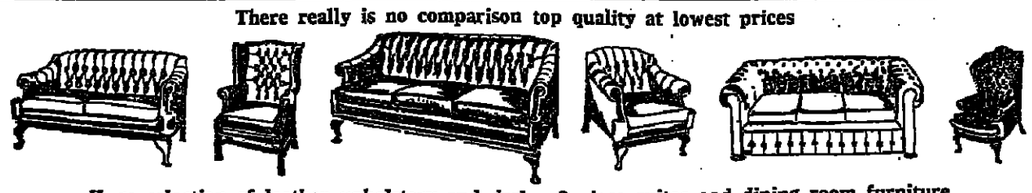
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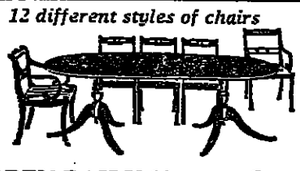
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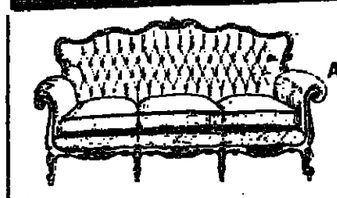


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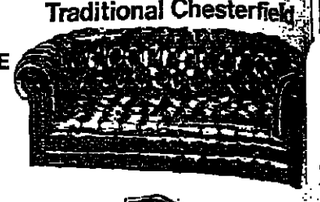
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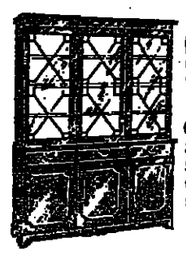


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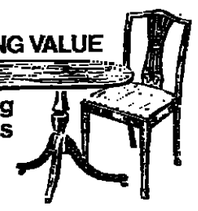
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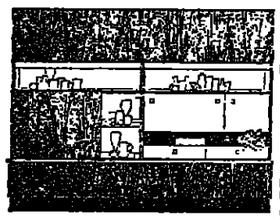
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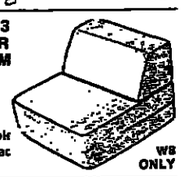
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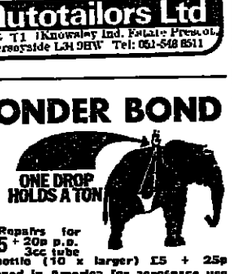


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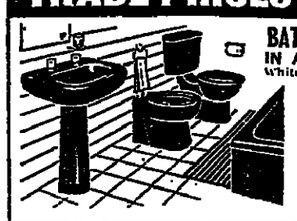
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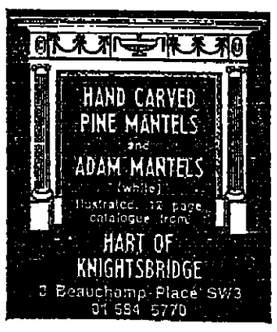
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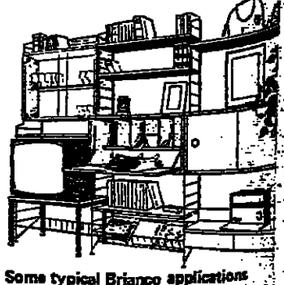
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Thackeray and Barry Lyndon

by Ann Monsarrat

Stanley Kubrick's long-awaited film, "Barry Lyndon", based on Thackeray's "The Luck of Barry Lyndon", opens in the West End next week. Ann Monsarrat, who is preparing a biography of Thackeray, describes how the novelist came to write his first book.





Left: Ryan O'Neal as Barry Lyndon in Kubrick's film of that name.

Below: Barry's first sight of Lady Lyndon and her husband, Sir Charles Lyndon, and her son, Lord Bullingdon. (Marisa Berenson as Lady Lyndon, Frank Middlemas as Sir Charles, Dominic Savage as young Bullingdon, and Murray Melvin as the Rev. Runt.

n 1841, Thackeray was a nagazine hack, writing for ife, his inheritance squan-d at the gaming tables and ne acquisition of tottering papers too far gone to e. Indian bank failures he dubious mismanagement amily trustees had taken of what capital he had not time to spend himself.

was 30 years old, a en-nosed giant (6ft 3in , with a mad wife, two l children, often painful nders of an early bout of real disease, and only his to look to for salvation.

the summer of this year, pent six weeks in almost attendance on the "poor woman" he had fought so to win, and who, after four s of marriage and the birth hree daughters (one of n died in infancy), had first into withdrawn ty, passed on to violent, dal derangement, and ed at last into a passive, like state of wayward mpetence.

uised and melancholy from latest vigil as nurse and er, Thackeray fled at last estore his own health and y in the intelligent, gener-companionship, and elegant ly home, of an old Cam-ge friend, John Bowes, treatlam Castle, Durham.

ere he heard, or read, the which was to burgeon into *Luck of Barry Lyndon*.

a child, Bowes, the natural of the tenth Earl of Strath-, had been the centre of a t legal *cause célèbre*. On leathbed, the Earl had de-d to tidy up his affairs by ying the by now nine-year-boy's mother, which, under tish law, should have made es legitimate and the un-ited heir. But when Lord chmore died the day after ceremony, other relatives ped in to contest the agement.

ace his parents had had no tish domicile, Bowes was ed from inheriting his er's titles: these and the tish lands passed to an e. His father's English ny became extinct, and g Bowes was left with a unhandsome package con-ng the English properties Streatlam Castle and Gib-Park, in Durham, together with 43,000 lucrative acres in that county and the North Riding of Yorkshire.

These were the riches which Bowes' grandmother had brought into the family, and it was the history of this lady and her second husband which was to intrigue Thackeray.

Bowes' grandmother, a beautiful *bas bleu*, was the daughter and sole heiress of George Bowes, MP, head of a family once famed for border warfare.

In 1767, at the age of 18, and after a brief flirtation with the Duke of Buccleuch, she married John Lyon, ninth Earl of Strathmore, who took his wife's surname along with her wealth.

According to the new Countess's contemporary biographer, Jessé Foot, a "surgeon", who wrote from experience gleaned over "thirty-three years of professional attendance, from Letters and other well authenticated documents", it was an ill-matched union.

The Earl, a "hearty Scotchman, and a good bottle companion", whose pursuits "were not those of science or any other splendid quality", had taken a wife 12 years his junior, who tempered a taste for genuine learning with a romantic passion for the arts, both of which endeavours baffled her good-natured husband.

She was, claimed Foot, "the most intelligent female botanist of the age", and an accomplished linguist, who knowing several languages well, felt she should learn them all. She wrote *The Siege of Jerusalem*, which, privately printed, was distributed to friends.

But, her "judgment was weak, her prudence almost none, and her prejudice unbounded", and since her lord would "rather suffer himself than sour the Countess by imposing any restraints upon her", her foolishness and vanity flourished at the expense of her greater qualities.

Had she confined herself to her hot-houses and conservatories, her "exotics from the CAPE", she might have found a different kind of fame, but the young Lady Strathmore saw herself above all as a patroness of the arts, and the designing rogues she gathered around her in this capacity soon caused her house in Grosvenor Square to be known as the Temple of Folly.

Even before her husband's death, there was gossip about her lovers. When she was left a widow at 27, possessed of a "very pleasing ENBONPOINT" an "uncommonly fine" breast, a particularly clear complexion, and vast estates, scandal exploded.

A suitor for the hand of this merriest and most eligible of widows was already on hand in the disreputable shape of the Honourable George Grey, a returned nabob who had served with Clive in India, and made an easily won and lost fortune there.

He wooed the Countess with a *Turkish Tale*, written for her entertainment, and long before her husband died, his constant attendance at Grosvenor Square had been gloomily noted by Lord Strathmore's friends.

Concerned for the future of her three sons and two daughters by the Earl, these men of goodwill tried to dissuade the Countess from future matrimony—though not always by honourable means.

A series of letters began to appear in the *Morning Post*, which, if not written by the late Earl's friends, were certainly seen by them before they went to press, condemning the Countess for her conduct to her lord, and comparing her faithlessness and ungovernable passions to those of Claudius's Queen Gertrude. They were signed with one name—"HAMLET".

If the campaign deflected Grey from his ambition, it opened the way for a far more terrible suitor, Andrew Robinson Stoney, of Cold Pig Hill, in the county of Durham, and King's County, Ireland, a half-pay lieutenant 10 years younger than Grey; an adventurer more cunning, and "bred up more regularly to the trade" of winning heiresses.

"There was", said Foot, "no antiquated, dissipated, impudent and profligate nabob a match for him."

Stoney, the black sheep of a family which had "wealth, respectability, and honourable connexion", had already married and martyred one rich wife. Now he was ready for another.

In person, he bore little resemblance to Thackeray's glowingly attractive Barry Lyndon, but in rascally character and amoral charm, the two were deep-dyed kindred.

Stoney's speech was soft and captivating; his height at 5ft 10in, was commanding for his time; his eyes were bright, "his eye brows were low, large and sandy, his hair light, and his complexion muddy, his smile was agreeable, his wit ready, but he was always the first to laugh at what he said, which forced others to laugh also. His conversation was shallow, his education bare, and his utterance was in a low tone and lisping. There was something uncommon in the connexion of his nose with his upper lip; he never could talk without the nose which was long and curved downwards, being also moved ridiculously with the upper lip".

Despite these handicaps, at the age of 18, an ensign at leisure following the disbanding of his regiment, Stoney "had the address" to woo Hannah Newton, a short, dark, uncomely Newcastle heiress with a fortune of £20,000 or £30,000—and to win her.

"He made a very bad husband", an old acquaintance of the bride told Foot: "she was a most wretched woman, and brought no child alive into the world; which he much desired for his own sake."

Believing that paternity would give him power over his wife's estate, Stoney caused the church bells to be rung for one still-born off-spring, "but failed in proving it to be born with life".

Many of the nasty tricks this "accomplished villain" inflicted on poor ugly Hannah, can be found in the history of *Barry Lyndon*.

"He knew secret ways of provoking her before company; and then if she looked displeased; or said anything tart, he appealed to the company—HE TOOK PAINS TO PLEASE HER, BUT COULD NOT."

Just as Barry Lyndon was to do.

He locked his wife up "in a closet that would barely contain her, for three days, in her *chemise* (some say without it), and fed her with an egg a day."

He advertised her woods for sale, and like Barry Lyndon had his right to do so contested by watchful heirs. He threw her downstairs at a public assembly.

Mrs Stoney endured these abuses for several years, then "took her departure to another and better world".

Unencumbered once more, Stoney himself moved to London with as much of his wife's fortune as he could purloin, and established himself in the shabby demi-monde of sporting men and second-rate clubs.

"His associates were all of that sort, which idle and uneducated men of pleasure pick up at the gaming houses, clubs, horse-races, watering places, etc. In such society, all are much upon a level in point of morals. They carry on a traffic amongst each other, exchange their horses, their dogs, and their mistresses, for the capricious accommodation of one another; and they keep a sharp look out for the opportunity of obtaining money, and improving their fortunes, from heir or heiress, by play or marriage, no matter which."

Unsavoury though his dealings may have been, Stoney caused no scandal during these years, a fact which did not surprise the sharp-eyed Surgeon Foot: "for he was by nature a coward", he wrote, "and felt the importance of not giving society an opportunity of finding it out".

One of the heiresses Stoney had designs on was Lady Strathmore. He worshipped regularly at her Temple of Folly and, when her husband died, was in a choice position to outmanoeuvre the favourite, George Grey, and walk off with the prize.

With bribes and flattery he secured the interest of her servants, and even of her *confidante*. He sent her artful letters, supposedly from a wealthy mistress whom he had jilted for love of this so much brighter jewel, in which he combined enough abuse of himself for authenticity — and to titillate a jealous female ego—with cunning stabs at his rival, Grey.

He arranged for this silly victim, who "entertained romantic and visionary notions of things", to be told an appropriate fortune by a soothsayer at a party.

And, as "MONITUS", he defended her honour against the letter-writing "HAMLET" of the *Morning Post*.

"*The Countess of Strathmore Defended*", blazed the headlines, as he took up his pen to improve on the efforts of the dead Earl's friends by contributing both sides of the argument.

But his most brilliant stroke came when, having whipped up the scandal to a fury, he called out his accomplice, "Parson Bate" (the Rev Sir Henry Bate Dudley), editor of the *Morning Post*, and had himself wounded in the ensuing phoney duel.

Lady Strathmore was ravished by the deed. She blessed the sword used by her champion, "took it home with her, and slept with it constantly at the head of her bed".

Her romantic imagination aflame, she wrote a poem, *On the Nuptials*, proclaiming her surrender:

Unmov'd, MARIA saw the
splendid SUITE
Of rival captives sighing at her
feet,
'Till in her cause, his sword
young S-n-y drew,
Bravest among the brave!—and
first to prove,
By death! or conquest! WHO
best knew to love!
But pale, and faint, the wounded
lover lies,
While more than pity fills
MARIA's eyes!
In her soft breast! where
passion long had strove,
Resistless sorrow fix'd the reign
of LOVE!
"Dear youth," she cries, "We
meet no more to part!
"Then take thy honour's due,
—my BLEEDING heart!"

The Countess, glowing "with all the warmth of a gay widow, about to be married", named her second wedding day: 17 January 1777, four days after the sham duel. While her husband-elect silenced the troublesome Grey with a bribe.

The following month, Stoney assumed his wife's name of Bowes, and during the next few years took to himself all the honours that her position could procure for him. He was Sheriff of Newcastle in 1780, and Member of Parliament for the city from 1780 to 1784. He told Foot he intended to "make something" of his parliamentary seat, "that he aimed at an Irish peerage". When the government refused to cooperate, he grew "sulky and abusive", and soon returned to his rascally ways and low companions, his gambling and his mistresses.

As Barry Lyndon's wife was to do, the Countess suffered his roguery and debauches for infatuation of the man, and love of the two sons she bore him. But, though she was certainly foolish, she was not as devoid of all sense as Andrew Robinson Bowes had hoped.

During her liaison with Grey, she had executed a deed securing to herself exclusive control over her property, and this, Bowes discovered, was still valid. While realizing all he could on her estates by trickery and deceit, he now set out to demoralize his wife into revoking the document and signing another in his favour—a pleasurable task which took him less than four months to accomplish.

The man had "a miserable sort of energy", Foot observed, which he used for "beating, scratching, biting, pinching, whipping, kicking, imprisoning, insulting, provoking, tormenting, mortifying, degrading, tyrannizing, cajoling, deceiving, lying, starving, forcing, compelling, and a new torment, wringing of the heart."

Success did not change him, and the Countess was to endure eight more years of such torture before she escaped from her vicious gaoler. On the night of 3-4 February, 1785, she "eloped"—as Horace Walpole termed it, astonished only that no "swain" was named in the affair—from her Grosvenor Square house, taking her two maids with her.

The following day, the *London Chronicle* reported that she had "exhibited articles of the peace in the Court of the King's Bench, against her husband, for ill-treatment of her person: her Ladyship desired to have the protection of one of the tip-staves to her house, which was complied with".

In his defence, Bowes produced the Countess's celebrated "Confessions", which did him little good since they were patently extorted under duress and referred only to her indiscretions before her second marriage.

She then began divorce proceedings in the ecclesiastical courts, but the following year a posse of men in Bowes's pay abducted her on a London street and carried her off to Durham, where she endured more brutality from her husband before being rescued by estate workers.

Walpole, as usual, well up with this juicy piece of scandal, told Lady Ossory that the whole town was ringing with the news of this "veteran madwoman", "and the enormous barbarities of her husband who beat her for six days and nights . . . for which the myrmidons of the King's Bench have knocked his brains out—almost".

On this occasion, Bowes appeared in court looking ill and with his clothes shabby and dishevelled, an effect which the *London Chronicle* suggested had been assumed in the hope of gaining sympathy. His judges were equally unimpressed: Bowes and his henchmen were sentenced to a fine of £300, imprisonment for three years, and to find securities of good behaviour for a further 14.

One year later, in 1788, the meanly won deed giving Bowes control over his wife's property was legally invalidated, and in 1789 the appalling 12-year marriage ended in divorce.

When she died in 1800, the Countess of Strathmore was buried in Westminster Abbey, arrayed in "a superb bridal dress".

Bowes lived on until 1810, spending the last 23 years of his life within the rules of the King's Bench prison for debt. He behaved "creditably" during a prison riot early in his confinement, but otherwise his habits altered little, and his career of seduction continued unchecked.

He considered all women as natural game, said Foot, "and hunted them down as so many FERAE NATURAE". One of his prison mistresses bore him five children and looked after him in his last years.

Thackeray's friend, Leigh Hunt, whose earliest recollection of a bome was a room in the King's Bench, was often to see the notorious Bowes—and to hear that he had "run a needle through his wife's tongue".

"He was a tall thin man", Hunt wrote in his *Autobiography*, "in a cocked hat, had an aquiline nose, and altogether appeared to my childish eyes a strangely inconsistent-looking person for a man of his character, and much of a gentleman".

Bowes's terrible personality and career, inflamed Thackeray's mind, and he left his friend at Streatlam Castle determined to use the monster in a book of his own.

His early fleecing at Cambridge when professional gamblers had moved in to take a lien on his patrimony, the squalor and corruption he had met with in London during his days as law student and struggling writer, had, for a time embittered Thackeray's sensitive soul, and he had devoted most of his early writings to the chronicling of rogues and their dupes.

Here, in Andrew Robinson Bowes and the Countess of Strathmore, he had found supreme, flesh and blood examples of the types that haunted him.

For more than two years, his wife's illness, and the need for quick money from magazine articles, kept Thackeray from the project, but it simmered in his brain and he discovered many more strands to add to his story in the reading he did for his own pleasure and for his multitudinous book reviews.

Casanova's *Memoirs* provided many of the details he was to use in the gambling campaigns of Lyndon and his uncle, the raddled old Chevalier, with his paint and patches, and a whole legacy of wiles and trickery up his silken sleeves.

His chapter which "Concerns the Tragical History of the Princess of X . . .", was largely inspired by the story of the first King of Wurtemberg's wife, killed by her husband for adultery, which Thackeray found in "a silly book", Baron de la Mothe-Langon's *L'Empire, ou dix ans sous Napoleon*, one idle day in Paris, shortly after he had begun writing *Lyndon*.

But the four months Thackeray spent in Ireland in 1842, preparing his *Irish Sketch Book*, contributed most. The grand dreams, the genial complacency, the magnificent disorder of that country, both infuriated and intrigued him. They were to fuel the early, entirely fictional chapters of his book, and cause him to transfer many of Bowes' English enterprises to the other side of the Irish Sea.

It was Ireland, too, which provided the idea which was to turn *Barry Lyndon* into a masterpiece of story-telling. One rainy night in Galway, alone at an inn, Thackeray fought off boredom with the memoirs of Captain James Feeny, the one-eyed Irish highway man, and was struck by the "noble naïveté and simplicity of the hero as he recounts his own adventures, and the utter unconsciousness that he is narrating anything wonderful".

When he began to write, Thackeray adopted this tone himself, letting the reprobate Lyndon tell his own story in the same way, chronicling his career of conquest and crime, with good-humoured zest, seeing in it nothing but sport and fair-game.

Thackeray had many reasons to be grateful to Ireland. His Irish travel book brought him his first success in hard covers; many of the good friends who helped him at the beginning of his career were Irish; and so was the wife he still loved so well.

But so, too, was his "singular old deevil" of a mother-in-law, "a little hate-bearing woman", envious, bigoted, bragging and malicious, who was to figure time and again in his novels.

In his most bitter moments, he could see it only as a land of grandiose talk and squalid deeds, and shortly before he began writing *Barry Lyndon* he had fresh reason for this view.

One of his oldest friends, a feckless, charming Irish journalist called O'Donnell, whom he had been keeping alive for more than a year with handouts from his own meagre kitty, came to him with welcome evidence of self-help and a request for something other than cash.

He had an article which he thought would suit the magazines, he said; would Thackeray get it into one of them for him?

Thackeray did, keeping back one of his own to do so, only to be met the following week by a glum editor and evidence that O'Donnell's article had been "bare-faced plagiarism".

Thackeray broke with the Irishman, and turned to *Barry Lyndon*, peopling it with knaves and fools, villains and braggarts. It is a savage tale, rescued by its author's life-long love affair with the eighteenth century, his ingrained knowledge of its ways and manners, and the skill with which he wove the many threads culled from his wide researches.

It reads as though it were written at one inspired, impassioned sitting, but it gave Thackeray more trouble than any of his works. He was often to do battle with it, with "a great deal of dulness unwillingness & labor", and for a year had it "lying like a nightmare" on his mind while he struggled to produce it in monthly parts for *Fraser's Magazine*, and write a mass of quick-money articles besides.

Towards the end, on a tour of the Mediterranean and the East for another travel book, it hung around his neck like the Ancient Mariner's albatross, and it was with the most supreme relief that he finished it "after great throes late at night", in the quarantine hospital at Malta on November 3, 1844.

As his first major bid to make a name for himself as a novelist, it was a bitter disappointment. He was charged with depravity by critics who mistook his irony for immorality, and he began adding editorial footnotes to Lyndon's text to enlighten these dullards. In the end, swallowing his pride, he gave up the struggle with both hero and readers, and cut the story short.

He had hoped to bring it out as "a handsome saleable volume" at the end of its magazine run, but no publisher would risk the venture. It apeared in book form first in America in 1852, then, four years later in England—by which time, his bitterness mellowed to compassion, Thackeray had written and published all his best known works: *Vanity Fair*, *Pendennis*, *Henry Esmond*, and *The Newcomes*.

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Broadcasting Saturday

Did you suppose that you would just relax today with ice figure skating (ITV 3.10) or with the Wallabies taking on Scotland (BBC1 2.5)? There is a two-hour science special for you tonight on the mysteries of human nature (BBC2 8.30). Bird watching and student tensions make a play (BBC2 10.35).—L.B.

BBC 1

8.55 am, Fingerbobs. 9.10, Lassie. 9.35, Whirlybirds.* 10.00, Model World. 10.25, On the Move. 10.35, Film: The Family Jewels, with Jerry Lewis. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.40, 1.10, 1.40, Racing from Cheltenham; 12.55, 3.45, Table Tennis, GMC Masters Tournament; 2.05, Rugby, Scotland v Australia; 3.45, Tennis, Commercial Union Masters: 4.40, Final Score. 5.05, Basil Brush.
5.30 News.
5.45 Dr Who.
6.10 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game.
7.00 Film: The Last Voyage, with Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone, George Sanders, Edmond O'Brien.
8.30 Saturday Special.
9.15 Kojak.
10.05 News.
10.15 March of the Day.
11.15 Parkinson, with Harry Locayne, Bernard Braden.
12.15 am, Weather.
*Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):—BBC WALES.—9.35-10.00 am, Teliffant. 12.15 am, News for Wales. SCOTLAND.—4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Scoreboard. 10.15-10.45 Sportscene. Scotland v Australia. 10.45-11.15, Planxty. 12.15 am, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Northern Ireland News. 12.15 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

BBC 2

2.05 pm, Film: Fort Utah, with John Ireland, Virginia Mayo. 3.25, Chico and the Man. 3.50, Play Away. 4.20, Money Programme: International Money Mart. 5.05, Tennis: Commercial Union Masters Semi-Finals. 5.50, Westminster. 6.20, Open Door: Take Five Girls.
7.00 Rugby: Scotland v Australia.
7.50 News.
8.00 Network, from BBC North: Brass Roots.
8.30 The Human Conspiracy.
10.35 Play: Brent Geese, by Terence Wheeler.
11.10 Open Door: Tribunal, by James Moran.*
11.50 News.
11.55-1.30 am, Film: Seven Days to Noon, with Barry Jones, Olive Sloane, Sheila Manahan.

London Weekend

9.00 am, Checkmate. 9.25, A Present from the Past. 9.50, Saturday Scene. 9.55, The Beachcombers. 10.20, The Jetsons. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.05, Black Beauty. 11.35, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Sports Special. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven; 1.30, Lingfield; 1.45, Catterick; 2.00, Lingfield; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, Lingfield; 2.45, Catterick; 3.00, Lingfield. 3.10, British Ice Figure Skating Championships. 3.50, Half-time Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.10 News.
5.20 Supersonic.
5.50 Space 1999.
6.45 Don't Drink the Water.
7.15 Sale of the Century.
7.45 Columbo.
9.30 Within These Walls.
10.30 News.
10.45 No-Honestly.
11.15 Film: Tales from the Crypt, with Ralph Richardson, Peter Cushing.
12.50 am, Sin '75.

Granada

9.15 am, Checkmate. 9.40, A Present From the Past. 10.05, Cartoon. 10.10, Film: Red Buttons, Peter Lorre in Five Weeks in a Balloon. 12.00, Look Alive. 12.30 pm, London. 5.10, News. 5.20, Film: Henry Fonda and Gene Tierney in The Return of Frank James. 7.00, Don't Drink the Water. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Film: Cloris Leachman and Ross Martin in Dying Room Only. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, The Collaborators. 12.25, Time to Remember.* 12.55-1.45 am, Theatre of Stars.

Grampian

10.20 am, Film, Footsteps, with Richard Crenna. 11.35, London. 5.20 pm, Cartoon. 5.35, Riptide. 6.30, ATV. 7.00, Film, Not as a Stranger, with Olivia de Havilland, Robert Mitchum.* 9.30, London. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, The Collaborators. 12.25 am, Prayers.

Tyne Tees

9.40 am, A Present from the Past. 10.10, Ski-ing with Gina. 10.35, Skippy. 11.05, Merrie Melodies. 11.25, Opportunity. 11.30, London. 5.20 pm, Cartoon. 5.30, The Flintstones. 6.00, Space 1999. 7.00, Don't Drink the Water. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, Amy Prentiss. 9.30, London. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Kung Fu. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.10 am, Nights in the Garden of Spain. 9.35, Behind the Closed Eye. 10.05, Out of Town. 10.30, Farmhouse Kitchen. 11.00, Film, It's That Man Again, with Tommy Handley.* 12.30 pm, London. 5.10, News. 5.20, Professor Balthazar. 5.30, Supersonic. 6.00, Castaway. 6.30, ATV. 7.00, Barnaby Jones. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, McMillan and Wife. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.30 am, The Streets of San Francisco.

ATV

9.15 am, Yoga. 9.40, Corner to Corner. 10.10, Issues. 11.00, Elephant Boy. 11.30, Captain Scarlet. 12.30, London. 5.20, Sinbad Jnr. 5.30, Born Free. 6.30, Sale of the Century. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Within These Walls. 9.00, Madigan. 10.30, News. 10.45, Aquarius. 11.30-12.00, ATV Indie Pick of the Week. SOUTHERN 9.15 am, Checkmate. 9.40, A Present from the Past. 10.10, Weather. 10.13, Woody Woodpecker. 10.20, Supersonic. 10.50, The Lone Ranger. 11.15, Planet of the Apes. 12.10 pm, Weekend. 12.15, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.20, Bugs Bunny. 5.25, The Mad Man. 6.25, Stilestar. 6.30, Bridge! Loves Bernie. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Don't Drink the Water. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Film: Death Squad, with Melvyn Douglas, Robert Forster, Michelle Phillips. 10.20, Preview. 10.30, News. 10.45, Police Story. 11.40, Southern News. 11.45, Bygones. 12.15 am, Weather. Guideline.

Border

9.15 am, Yoga. 9.40, A Present from the Past. 10.10, Dodo. 10.15, Paulus. 10.30, Skippy. 11.00, Dusty's Trail. 11.30, London. 5.20 pm, Border Sports Results. 5.25, Film: The Great Sioux Massacre, with Joseph Cotten, Philip Carey, Nancy Kovack. 7.00, Don't Drink the Water. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, Space 1999. 9.00, Within These Walls. 10.00, Not in Front of the Children? Nellie. 10.30, ATV. 11.30-12.20 am, Theatre of Stars.

HTV

9.05 am, A Present from the Past. 9.35, Yoga. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, Orbit. 11.30, Supersonic. 12.00, University Challenge. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Film: Ten Tall Men, with Burt Lancaster, Gilbert Roland, Kieron Moore. 7.00, Don't Drink the Water. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Film: Scream of the Wolf, with Peter Graves, Clint Walker. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, The Saint. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 7.30-8.00 pm, Sion a Sian.

Westward

9.00 am, A Present from the Past. 9.25, Yoga. 9.50, Sesame Street. 10.50, Look and See. 10.55, Supersonic. 11.25, Betty Boop. 11.35, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Space 1999. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Sale of the Century. 7.15, Film: Heavens Above, with Peter Sellers.* 9.30, London. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, The Evil Touch. 12.00, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.25 am, A Present from the Past. 9.50, Paulus. 10.00, Hammy Hamster. 10.15, Spiderman. 10.40, Rainbow Country. 11.10, Clapperboard. 11.35, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Flintstones. 5.50, London. 6.45, Sale of the Century. 7.15, Film: Track of the Cat, with Robert Mitchum, Teresa Wright. 9.00, Don't Drink the Water. 9.30, London. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, Russell Harty. 12.20 am, At the End of the Day.

Yorkshire

9.20 am, A Present from the Past. 9.45, Little Rascals.* 10.00, Paulus. 10.10, Dodo. 10.15, Untamed World. 10.40, Pipet. 10.45, Baldmoney. 11.00, The Amazing Chan. 11.30, London. 5.20 pm, Cartoon. 5.30, The Flintstones. 6.00, Space 1999. 7.00, Don't Drink the Water. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, Amy Prentiss. 9.30, London. 10.30, ATV. 11.30-12.25 am, Kung Fu.

Ulster

10.30 am, Fencing. 11.00, The Seaspray. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Brady Bunch. 5.50, Six Million Dollar Man. 6.45, London. 7.45, Film, The Victim, with George Maharis, Elizabeth Montgomery. 9.00, Within These Walls. 10.00, Rising Damp. 10.30, ATV. 11.30, 12.00, The Adventurer.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.06, Wally Whyton. 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, Barry Mason's Top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, Paul Gambaccini. 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Europe '75: Finland.† 10.30, Alan Dell.† 12.31-12.33 am, News. † Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best. 1.02, Punch Line (1,500m). 1.30-5.55, Sport (1,500m), including: Football; Rugby, Scotland v Australia; Racing from Lingfield Park; and Grain of Sport. 5.00, Sport Report. 6.03, Star Sound (1,500m). 7.02, The Navy Lark (1,500m). 7.30, Radio 1. 11.02-12.15 am, Boxing from Mexico City (1,500m).

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Rimsky-Korsakov, Wieniawski, Stravinsky. 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.* 10.15, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Brahms, Prokofiev. 10.55, Impressions of Musical America. 11.10, Concert, part 2: Sibelius, Delius.† 12.02 pm, Robin Day.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Foreign Press Review. 1.15, The Young Idea: Little Christmas.† 2.15, Man of Action: Jeremy Brett.† 3.35, Bach, Beethoven.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Classical Guitar. 6.25, Critics Forum. 7.00, Der Rosenkavalier, Act I from Covent Garden. 8.15, Critics' Forum, part 2. 8.35, Der Rosenkavalier, Act II. 9.55, Reading on Crossfan. 10.05, Der Rosenkavalier, Act III. 11.10, Visiting Recitalist: Joachim Horn. 11.30-11.35, News.

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Week's World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02, Radio 3. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Weekend. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Summer Exhibition. 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Robin Robinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: Wobble to Death. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.56, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Forecast.
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Radio

Rhymes with success

The New Australian Drama has made a good start with two plays which leave a first impression of what one might call *fine traditional virtues*: each has taken some area of common human experience and has treated it straight, as if in implicit acknowledgment of a belief that what matters is to present an audience with predicaments it can understand and then to explore the behaviour of the people living in them.

Peter Kenna's *A Hard God* (producer: John Scotney) was a study of the Cassidys, an extended family of Irish immigrants in a Sydney suburb of 1946. Once they had lived in *the country but necessity drove* them to the city where the play examines their various efforts to come to terms with the vicissitudes of their life—efforts, above all, to reconcile its many hardships with the engrained beliefs of their Catholicism. Generally it is a fruitless undertaking, beautifully epitomized in a phrase given to one of the elder generation when he speaks of God's mercy "*raining down on us like thunderbolts*". Yes, indeed: Dan Cassidy (Kevin Flood), mainstay of the family, is troubled by a pain behind the eye which turns out to be a tumour: brother Paddy (Milo O'Shea) is married to Sophie who leads him a frightful dance, and his widowed sister-in-law, Monica, with whom he seeks refuge, is a comfortless religious maniac. In the younger generation the struggle is *no less painful*: Dan's son, Joe, forms a fierce emotional attachment to Jack Shannon which quickly becomes a moral torment to them both.

One may judge a play, among other ways, by how it crosses chasms and I suppose there is none wider nor deeper *than the treatment of teenage* homosexuality. With this as test, Mr Kenna passed brilliantly: all his characterization was good, but his account of the relationship between these two young men was really masterly. He conveyed at once the passion, the self-doubt and remorse, the wilful infliction of pain, the oscillations between joy and despair. David Timson (Joe) and Nigel Lambert (Jack) gave performances which admirably displayed the many facets of this situation with its constant alternation of mood from savagery to awkward tenderness and back again to savagery.

Jim McNeil, author of *How Does Your Garden Grow?* (*producer: Richard Wortley*) wrote of life in prison where he himself has spent a good part of his days. The plot was straightforward: Mick, sharing a cell with George—whom he calls "Brenda" and generally refers to as "she"—is going out on parole. Sam, a more unruly character, wishes to inherit "Brenda" and so he does. Again the way is crossed with chasms: not only do we have an affectionate sexual relationship between men, but here is a royal road for the exercise of bitterness in the opportunity to write of the corrective institution that corrected you—or failed to, as the case may be.

As to bitterness there was little or none: you might say that Mr McNeil represents prison life as if it were any other form of daily existence: certainly the warders *lay it on a* bit, but principally on Sam who asks for it. It is a boring existence, but not intolerable: *in fact, for Mick it has its compensations*—"Brenda" is a cosy cell-wife who keeps him and the place they live in clean, providing among other things such home comforts as are possible. One suspects "she" has domesticated Mick, and as the play ends there is every reason to believe that "she" will do the same for the less tractable Sam. Yet this is a relationship born of bleak circumstances: *on the eve of his release Mick* permits Sam to move in, turns a deaf ear to "Brenda's" complaint that it is their last night and, with the aid of six sleeping pills, goes into a coma for the 15 hours that separate him from release. Will he be the happier? There's reason to doubt, but reality is elsewhere.

It should be clear from this that, like Peter Kenna, Jim McNeil clears *the homosexuality* chasm in one bound; indeed, I cannot speak too highly of his treatment of that delicate *triangular relationship*. It was both straightforward and sensitive. Nigel Graham (Sam) and James Smilie (Mick) gave excellent performances in rewarding roles; Paul Bertram in the exceptionally difficult part of George-cum-Brenda was nothing short of outstanding. The voice was classic camp, yet it evoked, even in the midst of some transvestite fantasy, a sympathy which had nothing to do with pity. In her introductory programme Katharine Brisbane remarked how in the usage and the minds of many of her countrymen, *Australia had all too* easily rhymed with failure. Here are two instances where it most certainly does nothing of the sort.

In such company other items in the week's drama do not stand up too well. There was a lovely situation in *A Game of Dice* (R3) by Dimitri Kehaidis (adapted by Bill Morrison): Fondas (Norman Rodway) proposes to Kolias (Peter Woodthorpe) a *fantastic scheme to* make their fortunes by importing Africans as slaves, having already procured Kolias's wife for a contact who, they hope, will provide funds. Unfortunately the thing was acted *fortissimo e allegro furioso*. John Theocharis needed to keep his two talented and exuberant actors on a tighter rein. Meanwhile on R4 Antonia Fraser's first contribution to radio, *On the Battlements*, was unduly contrived and in no way above low average for domestic drama. Next week: there's reason to have hopes of *Flash Jim Vaux*, the third Australian offering (R3, Sunday). Same day and network, I shall be hearing *Alistair Cooke's Hoagy Carmichael*. Friday: try *Village Prospects*—feudal rural Britain 1975 or the noticeable Dr Chris Evans with *Machines that Think*. R3 again, I fear, but no avoiding it.

David Wade

Sunday

All talk. David Frost discusses you and me with the Prime Minister (BBC2 9.25). Omnibus seeks to communicate Ivy Compton-Burnett (BBC1 10.25). Anno Domini, now going from strength to strength, should take Lord Hailsham in its stride (BBC1 6.15). Nice and nasty things are said in Upstairs, Downstairs (ITV 7.55).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Mary, Mungo and Midge. 9.45, Trade Union Studies. 10.10, Ensemble. 10.35, Bellamy—on Botany! 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.45, Homes from Home. 12.10 pm, Avventura. 12.35, Out of the Rut. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Making Toys. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Blood and Sand, with Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Rita Hayworth. 3.55, Laurel and Hardy.* 4.15, Tom and Jerry. 4.20, The Osmonds. 5.05, The Legend of Robin Hood.
5.55 News.
6.05 On the Move.
6.15 Anno Domini.
6.55 Songs of Praise, from All Saints Church, Oystermouth, Swansea.
7.25 Poldark.
8.15 Film: The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes, with Robert Stephens, Colin Blakely.
10.15 News.
10.25 Omnibus: Family Scenes: an Ivy Compton-Burnett household with Celia Johnson, Roland Culver.
11.25 Looking at Documentary.
11.50 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):—BBC WALES.—9.30-9.45 am, Andy Pandy. 11.45-12.10 pm, Worlds Without Sun. 1.00-1.23, Farming in Wales. 1.55-2.40, The Invisible Man. 2.40-3.25, Disney. The Not So Lonely Lighthouse Keeper. 3.25-4.50, Sports Line-Up. 4.50-5.00, Tom and Jerry. 6.15-6.45, India. 5.45-6.55, Yn Y Dechreuad. 11.15-11.40, Milestones in Working-Class History. 11.42, News for Wales. SCOTLAND.—11.00-11.30 am, Co As A Tha Thu? 11.30-11.45, Interval. 1.00-1.23 pm, Farm Forum. 10.25-11.50, Omnibus. The Friendly Invasion. 11.50-12.15 am, Milestones in Working-Class History. 12.15, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—11.40 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Arthur. 1.30, Rainbow Country. 2.00, London. 3.00, Boney. 3.55, Aquarius. 4.40, Southern News. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 10.50, The Birth of the Bomb. 11.50, Weather, Guideline.

Granada

9.30 am, Arts Bazaar. 10.00, London. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Osmonds. 1.35, Granada Profile. 2.00, Kick Off Match. 3.05, Film: The Ladies' Man, with Jerry Lewis. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 11.00, Silents Please: Nosferatu.* 11.30-12.25 am, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased).

HTV

10.00 am, London. 11.00, Checkmate. 11.30, The Addams Family.* 12.00, London. 1.05 pm, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film, Kenneth More and Jayne Mansfield in The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film, Suzy Kendall and Kenneth More in Fraulein Doktor. 11.00, SNO Proms. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 6.15-6.35 pm, Faith in Action. 6.35-7.00, Llusern.

Westward

10.00 am, London. 11.00, Checkmate. 11.30, Arts Bazaar. 12.00, London. 1.05 pm, Westcountry Job Finder. 1.10, Marsupials Naturally. 1.30, Farm and Country News. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film, Destroyer, with Glenn Ford, Edward G. Robinson. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film, Hard Contract, with James Coburn. 11.05, The Protectors. 11.30, Faith for Life.

Scottish

10.30 am, Yoga. 11.00, Checkmate. 11.30, Women Only. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Honey. 2.35, Scotsport. 4.05, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, News. 6.15, Chapter and Verse. 7.00, London. 10.50, Arts Programme. 11.50, Late Call.

BBC 2

12.15 pm, Open University. EEC: Decision making. 12.40, Use Your Head. 1.05-4.00, Tennis. The Commercial Union Masters Final.
6.50 News Review.
7.25 The World About Us: new film by Heinz Sielmann, The Return of the Gone Ones.
8.15 Making a Name. Young soloists' concert in the studio.
9.20 News.
9.25 We British.
10.15 Film: The Birthday Party, with Robert Shaw, Patrick Magee, Dandy Nichols, Sydney Tafler.
12.15-12.20 Gwen Watford reads A Considerable Speck (Microscopic), by Robert Frost.

Yorkshire

9.25 am, Checkmate. 9.50, Chess Masterpieces.* 10.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Out of Town. 1.40, Calendar People. 2.05, Football Special. 3.00, Film: Red Skies of Montana, with Richard Widmark, Jeffrey Hunter, Richard Boone, Richard Crenna. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 10.50, Oscar Peterson Presents. 11.20-11.45, Police Surgeon.

Border

10.00 am, London. 11.00, Checkmate. 11.30, Fit to Last. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary.* 1.15, Cartoon. 1.30, Farming. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.07, Film: Armoured Command, with Howard Keel, Tina Louise.* 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 10.50-11.30, Rod Stewart and the Faces, with Keith Richard.

Grampian

11.00 am, Checkmate. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Boney. 2.35, Scotsport. 4.05, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, News. 6.15, Advent. 6.35, Chapter and Verse. 7.00, London. 10.50, Police Surgeon. 11.20, Prayers.

Ulster

11.00 am, Yoga. 11.30, Seven Ages of Fashion. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Tarzan. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film: The Story of Mankind, with Ronald Colman, Vincent Price. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Sports Results. 9.15, Friendly Persuasion, with Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire. 11.20-11.50, Skiing with Gina.

London Weekend

10.00 am, Morning Worship from Haslington Church. 11.00, Yoga. 11.30, London Weekend Show. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Dodo. 1.30, University Challenge. 2.00, The Big Match. 3.00, Film: Dance Little Lady (1955), with Terence Morgan, Mai Zetterling, Mandy Miller. 4.30, Celebrity Squares. 5.20, Aquarius, with Peter Hall, Ben Travers, Brian Clark.
6.05 News.
6.15 Heaven.
7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 Carry on Laughing.
7.55 Upstairs, Downstairs.
8.55 News.
9.10 Film: The Virgin Soldiers (1969), with Lynn Redgrave, Hywel Bennett, Nigel Davenport, Nigel Patrick.
10.55 London Programme.
11.55 Police Surgeon.
12.20 am, Sin '75.

ATV

9.30 am, Farming. 10.00, London. 11.00, Checkmate. 11.30, ATV Today Pick of the Week. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Planet of the Apes. 2.10, Star Soccer. 3.10, Film: Count Your Blessings, with Deborah Kerr, Rossano Brazzi, Maurice Chevalier. 4.50, Celebrity Squares. 5.35, Black Beauty. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film: Since You Went Away, with Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten.* 12.00 am, University Challenge. 12.35, Canon Peter Hall.

Tyne Tees

9.20 am, Yoga. 9.50, Chess Masterpieces. 10.00, London. 11.00, Rights. 11.55, Where the Jobs Are. London. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.40, Farming. 2.10, Shoot! Film: Kaleidoscope, with Warren Beatty, Susannah York. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 10.50, Mr Satow's Improved Travelling Engine. 11.20, Epilogue.

Anglia

9.30 am, Arts Bazaar. 10.00, London. 11.30, Merrie Melodies. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Match of the Week. 2.50, Film, Up from the Beach, with Cliff Robertson, Red Buttons. 4.40, Cartoon. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film, The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit, with Gregory Peck, Jennifer Jones, Fredric March. Your Choice.

Radio

1
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Reginald Dixon.† 8.03, Come Alive. 8.32, Wally Whyton. 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, WIA 4WW Show. 5.00, Insight. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Quiz Kid '76. 7.30, Max Jaffa. 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Brass and Strings.† 11.02, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News. † Stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, The Navy Lark.† 2.30, Maurice Chevalier.† 3.30, Fred Trueman. 4.03, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Punch Line. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Artur Schnabel, piano, Beethoven. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Midweek Choice: Handel, Haydn, Schubert, Schumann, Lyadov.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra Part 1: Mozart, Liszt.† 11.50, Words . . . R. W. Burchfield. 11.55, Concert part 2: Williamson, Tchaikovsky.† 12.45 pm, Alistair Cooke's Hoagy Carmichael.† 1.20, Gabrieli String Quartet. Bartok, Haydn, Borodin. 2.30, Talking About Music, Anthony Hopkins.* 3.00, The Ring From Bayreuth, Das Rheingold.† 5.25, Reith Lectures, America and the World Experience, part 4: The Dark Continent of Technology (1). 5.55, Couperin.† 6.40, Denisov. 7.10, Australian Drama, Flash Jim Vaux, ballad opera by Ron Blair. 8.45, Orlando Gibbons.† 9.20, Concert Brahms. 10.15, The Wreck of the Deutschland, by Gerard Manley Hopkins. 10.45, Sounds Interesting. 11.25-11.30, News.

4
7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service from Weoley Hill United Reformed Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham. 11.10, Appeal. Pitt Street Settlement. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots. 12.15 pm, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play, Home Affairs. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking about Antiques. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way: The Duke of Edinburgh in Wolverhampton. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, If You Think You've Got Problems. 7.00, News. 7.02, The Men from the Ministry. 7.30, The People and the Book. 8.00, Weber, Beethoven. 9.00, News. Pride and Prejudice. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, This Europe. 11.00, The Way of Inward Peace. 11.15-11.38, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Forecast.
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THE ARTS

The classic Mr Mole takes over



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Toad of Toad Hall returns to the Duke of York's on the 22nd of this month; and with it returns that sprite who was born on the 23rd February, 1893, in the parish of Paddington, and christened Richard Goolden. He punched the nose of the parson who so named him; perhaps he already knew what nearly half a million children have since discovered—that his true name is Mole.

Mole End, as one must call it, is near the riverbank in Chelsea, and bears witness that early in his 52-year tenancy, the occupant in black velvet jacket, baggy trousers and woollen waistcoat with silver buttons said: "Bother spring cleaning." The kettle's flex has disappeared, perhaps into the wastepaper basket, perhaps beneath the pile of programmes, photographs and press cuttings that rise from the settee like a mound of leaves in which a small creature might hibernate.

But if this be Moley madness, yet there is method in't: mention of America—"I only stayed two days in 1932, and spent all the time trying to cross the road"—instantly produces a self-caricature of a matchstick man, his hat flying from his head, his arms outstretched to stop two predatory skyscrapers crushing him; and my admiration for a soft-toned photograph of a French peasant at once produces a file of pictures of that village in the Pas de Calais to which Acting Unpaid Lance Corporal Goolden was posted in April, 1918, and which he has revisited and photographed every year since.

On the window sill perches the programme for an OUDS smoking concert of 1923. Five happy years of undergraduate theatre led to enrolment, with Flora Robson and Tyrone Guthrie, in J. B. Fagan's new Oxford Playhouse company. There, aged 29, he was Firs in *The Cherry Orchard*—"I never played younger than 90, felt naked without crepe hair." Fagan's was the first English production of Chekov's play—"There was only one copy of the script; our parts were written on flimsy paper. It took us four days to find out what the play was about, and then of course we had to go on, it being weekly rep."

Though Mazzini Dunn in *Heartbreak House* is under 90, Goolden made a success of it, repeating it at the Westminster in 1937. "Shaw was a bloody nuisance; he used to read all the parts himself, convulsed at his own wit—especially the women's parts; he loved mincing up and down."

By the window, a Royal Doulton statuette of Penley in *Charley's Aunt* is a reminder that Richard Goolden played the Aunt at the Haymarket when he was 43. "Amy Brandon Thomas, the author's daughter, was with us; if we altered a word, she would send us a note. I was standing in the wings with her one night when the stage manager came up to us. 'Look, Amy' I said, 'I've just got a letter from you!' I'd changed 'a' to 'the'."

Beyond the fishpaste sandwiches is Elizabeth Kentish's plaster statue of Lear and the Fool, recording the association with Wolfit. "In the storm scene, there were peals of thunder during which I had to speak; Wolfit spoke in the silences. If I paused for the thunder to pass, he'd kick me. But I think his production was more sympathetic to the Fool than any I've seen."

My foot disturbs the latest Gabriel Garcia Marquez, which he is reading in the original. He started Spanish 10 years ago, writing his diary in that language—"Each year in December, I write down *Sapo de Castillo Sapo*". On the 22nd of this month, *Toad*, in Spanish or English, appears for the twenty-second time in a Goolden diary; for, though not in the 1929 Liverpool premiere—"The part was played by Alan Webb; he was very good, but felt foolish playing an animal"—Richard Goolden played five London seasons, 1930-34; one season in Brighton with Leslie Henson in 1952; and, with a year out for *Lock Up Your Daughters*, every London production since 1960.

He is prepared for his visitors at the stage door—"I spend half my salary on sweets"; and ready stands "The Bible", a French's acting edition with green cellophane outside, and neat pencil and green ink jottings inside. Once begged by the adapter, A. A. Milne to "keep yourself in check this year", Mole can be surprisingly pernickety. He recalls his director of 14 season, David Conville, altering a move—"I told him, 'I'm on the right here', and he said, 'Well, this year you're on the left'." He shakes his head—"When I die there'll be a riot of alterations."

As for his classic interpretation of the awestruck Victorian man-Mole, who is both perfectly adult and utterly child—"I've never really thought about it, and nobody suggested to me how I should play it." However, he offers a technical comment—"I've got this arthritis, and I'm only comfortable crouched up; so the more arthritic I become, the better my performance."—reassurance for audiences in the next 21 seasons.

Charles Lewsen

Trinity Tales
BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

There can be few sights more alienating on television than people pretending to get drunk and singing comic songs. It has happened in every episode of *Trinity Tales* so far; this was the third, and the reason we are not alienated but rather charmed almost out of our minds is that even when Alan Plater's immensely inventive script takes on whimsy-fatigue or ideas above its station, a formidable team of instinctive players is there to kick it back to life.

The team members should be named first: Bill Maynard, Colin Farrell, John Stratton, Paul Copley, Gaye Brown and Susan Littler. Then the music: Alex Glasgow's brassy little signature tune, which sounds like a colliery prize band getting its tongues round a choice bit of Offenbach, is irresistible, the tonic of the season.

The intentions are Chaucerian, but the result is nearer *The Good Companions* than *The Canterbury Tales*, and none the worse for that. Six Rugby League supporters, no connexion with Colin Welland's recent series save a shared belief that life begins at Bawtry (if you're coming from the south), are driving to Wembley and telling stories as they go or, more usually, stop for a pint. Each member of the gang, plus Eric the Prologue (Francis Matthews) plays a part, sometimes small, sometimes large, in each of the tales, retaining their essential humours of innocence, cowardice, lust, deviousness, greed and simplicity in each play.

Last night it was the turn of The Judy (Miss Littler), who told how her favours were fought for in a public house back home by a kind of tap-room pentathlon, darts, arm-wrestling, dominoes, cribbage, pitch and toss, shove halfpenny, wet poems and rude songs, which ended with a play-off in which the by-now stoned competitors had to eat as many hot pies as possible in 10 minutes. First one to throw up was disqualified. It was raucous and went on too long; the first two Tales had been surer of touch.

But Mr Plater and his director, Michael Simpson, throw off more ideas in one evening than most comic series in a season and The Judy was telling her tale in a public house somewhere east of Birmingham to prevent the lugubrious publican from doing away with himself for want of any custom and no company beyond that of his stuffed goldfish, the vertically floating Peggy. He was a marvellous creation, a gentle and battered Black Country ghoul played by an actor new to me, Peter Benson.

Some of the writing remains a bit twee and the burden of tweeness falls chiefly on Mr Matthews as the "poetic" outsider. Mr Matthews is wonderfully liberated from his lounge-suit role in this series, but he remains a straight actor playing character roles. The others are character actors playing straight roles, and that is another thing entirely.

London Bach Orchestra
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

To judge by the large, attentive and enthusiastic audience at last night's concert, the programmes put on roughly once a month by Martindale Sidwell and his London Bach Orchestra meet a need. They are in no way sensational. It would be uncharitable to call the performances routine, or Mr Sidwell unperceptive; but clearly he prefers to make music in a simple and straightforward way, without trying to impress on us any specially personal view.

Such an approach may from time to time lead to blandness, to performances so lightly guided that they have little sense of direction. That was perhaps the case in the Bach items. To play in public such music as the six-part ricercar from *The Musical Offering* might be thought to imply that one held views about the interpretation; but Mr Sidwell's, if he has them, remain obscure, for any shaping of the music was virtually imperceptible.

In the virile music of the first Brandenburg a little more incisiveness would have been welcome; with all those busy semiquavers, it might have secured more cleanliness among the inner parts. And though the Adagio was enhanced by eloquent solo playing, especially from the oboe, as well as an uncommonly smooth bass line, it was singularly lacking in expressive intensity.

Mr Sidwell, I do not doubt, has a deep understanding of the structures of Bach's music; and I wish he would convey something of that understanding in his performances by controlling the tensions in a way to help articulate the musical design. Too often, it seemed, events came and went without finding any kind of reflection in rhythm or tempo or texture.

That certainly applied to the E major violin concerto, where Jürgen Hess was the soloist, gentle and smooth but interpretatively reticent. The other soloist was John Wilbraham, whose brilliant and sweet-toned trumpet playing in a Telemann concerto injected a new vitality into things.

That is not, to be sure, quite what Telemann would have expected: he wrote the music for a trumpet seven foot long, which must have sounded nobler and more bracing than Mr Wilbraham's relative peashooter, for all the latter's superior agility. Lastly, we had Mozart's Symphony No 29: there was some fluent and euphonious playing, but it all sounded a little abstract and non-committal and lacking in positive musical impulse.

Comedians for the West End

No Man's Land, with John Gielgud and Ralph Richardson, must end at Wyndham's on January 24 to make way on January 28 for the Nottingham Playhouse production of Trevor Griffiths's *Comedians*, with Jimmy Jewel, directed by Richard Eyre. This, like *No Man's Land*, is a transfer from the National Theatre's Old Vic repertoire. It will be presented at Wyndham's by the National Theatre and Alexander H. Cohen by arrangement with Donald Albery.

As well as Jimmy Jewel, the *Comedians* cast includes Dave Hill, Talat Hussain, John Joyce, Jim Norton, Ralph Nossek, Louis Raynes, Stephen Rea, Richard Simpson and James Warrior; a newcomer to the cast is Kenneth Cranham, who plays Gethin Price. The designer is John Gunter.

Comedians opened in February this year at the Nottingham Playhouse and was presented recently by the National Theatre at the Old Vic for 15 sell-out performances as a start to the NT's policy of offering a stage to regional companies whenever possible. Booking opens on January 5.

Back from banishment
NPO/Tilson Thomas
Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

An evening devoted to Tchaikovsky might seem a routine enough event. Yet the only repertory favourite in Thursday night's concert from the NPO under Michael Tilson Thomas was the B flat minor piano concerto. For the rest these artists came to the rescue of two works banished into the blue, the *Marche solennelle* and the *Suite No. 3*.

The March (one of two called *solennelle*) was Tchaikovsky's reluctant response, at 45, to an invitation from the School of Jurisprudence, where he was educated, to produce something for their jubilee. Thematically unmemorable, it may be, but its strong, stirring rhythm and exhuberant orchestration must have gladdened many a schoolboy's heart. Even the NPO appeared to find it a stimulating change from the standard curtain-raiser.

Difficult as it was to wax enthusiastic about the central Valse and Scherzo (despite a quaint, military trio), Mr Tilson Thomas's revival of the third suite served to remind us that it begins with an elegy every bit as good as the best bits in the concluding variation movement. If that is sometimes detached for separate performance, why not this ardently swelling, beautifully scored, nostalgic miniature too? A choreographer, of course, could help the whole work back to its feet. The concluding Polacca variation comes straight from the palace of King Florestan. Again Mr Tilson Thomas and his players responded with zest.

The second half of the programme coud have been entitled the return of the native, for it brought John Ogdon back to this platform after extensive global travel.

His approach to the B flat minor concerto seemed designed to support the tag that if you scratch a Russian you find a Tartar below, so aggressive was the strength and drive. Fiery octaves, like many a finger-flight, were exciting in their way. But lack of romantic mellowness and grace even verged on the unstylish and insensitive at times, not least in the central Andantino and the finale's second subject. It was to the credit of conductor and orchestra that at least they tried to turn themselves into Tartars too.

Presentation of Silver Rose at Covent Garden

Before the curtain rises at Covent Garden on the performance on December 10 there will be a very brief ceremony at which a Silver Rose will be presented to the chairman of the Royal Opera House, Sir Claus Moser, by Lord Norwich on behalf of the Friends of the late Raimund von Hofmannsthal who for 10 years made his home in London. He was the son of Hugo von Hofmannsthal, who collaborated with Richard Strauss on *Der Rosenkavalier* and many other operas.

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Toronto may be industrial, but its expansion from a small and graceful centre is by way of suburban townships, retaining green parks, golf courses, and always the lake, sprinkled with sailing boats. The new zoo will delight animal lovers with the natural surroundings provided for inmates and visitors. The name Ontario Science Centre hardly conveys its wealth of interest for all ages: demonstrating every aspect of civilization from optics to steam, atoms to astronomy, with working models which the visitor can operate. Try for instance, playing noughts and crosses against a computer. I could never win, but did manage a draw.

Within easy reach are Niagara Falls, the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford, Rockton Safari Park, where lions, rhinos, elephants and camels happily survive the Canadian winter; and Black Creek Pioneer Village, a preservation of nineteenth century houses and farming.

On my last trip I followed the example of Canadians who seek summer solace (and winter too) in the woods and lakes of Huronia, a hundred miles north of Toronto. The map shows this area, round the eastern end of Lake Huron, packed with small lakes closer than currants in a cake. This is ideal country for camping, sailing, fishing, water skiing, with beaches as good as any seashore.

Historical interest is found at three sites restored and maintained by the Ontario Government. One commemorates the British naval schooner *Nancy*, sunk by the Americans during the war of 1812-14 when the Great Lakes and the St Lawrence were a watery battleground. The *Nancy's* hull, resting in a river mouth, formed an island of silt, and now exhumed, graces the Museum of the Upper Lakes. The second is the harbour of Penetanguishene where both Army and Navy were established between 1814 and 1856, and the old wooden buildings, storehouse and dockyard are being gradually restored. The third, a complete reconstruction of the Jesuit Mission of Ste Marie Among the Hurons, was the second European settlement in Canada, dating from 1639. The wooden dormitory, refectory, churches, hospital, smithy, little canal, and longhouses and wigwams for Indian converts, tell the story of a ten-year struggle to bring Christianity to savage tribes whose internecine warfare eventually brought disaster to the enterprise.

There is motorway all the way to Quebec, but you will want to turn off at Kingston, former capital of Upper Canada, for Old Fort Henry, majestically commanding the river with its mighty cannons, now fired daily (in summer) by meticulously drilled students in nineteenth century uniform. They have appeared twice at the Royal Tournament, *Olympia*. Take the St. Lawrence Parkway, a scenic route, where the raised level of the seaway has created the Thousand Islands, and there are delightful cruises by launch among the wooded islets with their holiday homes, while the fivespan International Bridge soars high overhead to the American shore.

At Morrisburg a whole day is needed for Upper Canada Village. Some 40 nineteenth century houses, including church, sawmill, woollen mill, hotel, farm and village store, rescued from eight villages flooded by the seaway, have been transported or rebuilt, furnished in accurate period style, to recreate the atmosphere of bygone days.

Ottawa, though the Federal capital, has a surprisingly quiet, provincial air. The Houses of Parliament, with scarlet-coated Mounties on guard, overlook the Ottawa river with floating booms of logs awaiting pulping in the paper mills. The Rideau Canal, built by French pioneers to connect with Lake Ontario, is still used by pleasure craft, and in winter the city section is drained to a depth of a foot or so, to provide safe skating. Some residents of southern suburbs skate to work!

The Province of Quebec displays Canada's French origins in both language and cuisine. Most people are bilingual, but pausing to inquire the way (in French) on a country road, I was answered in a patois so broad that it was hard to follow. Quebec city, the birthplace of Canada, was founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, on a promontory high above the river, and the ancient town within its walls is full of historical buildings. Main landmark, however, is the 82-year-old Chateau Frontenac Hotel, whose green turrets tower over the broadwalk Dufferin Terrace, complete with cannons, bandstands and benches, overlooking the lower town and busy shipping lanes.

Montreal, too, is a storehouse of history, with churches, seminaries and chateaux of the eighteenth century, and a Nelson's Column older (but shorter) than London's. There are thousands of restaurants of every kind. Typical prices: £3.50 for a splendid four-course dinner at le Petit Havre; £3.25 for the finest buffet lunch I have ever seen, on top of the 42-storey Royal Bank Building in Place Ville Marie.

Beyond the wooded slopes of Mont Royal, a motorway leads north to the Laurentiens, a range which provides summer and winter recreation for Montreal and Quebec. In Mont Tremblant Park, a vast nature reserve with camping and picnic sites, canoeing and skiing, I drove all day through leafy glades of silver birch, aspens, maples and conifers, visualizing the pioneers who opened up this country, mostly by canoe, in search of the beaver. Sobering reflection, too, that there is little between you and the North Pole but thousands of square miles of forests, millions of lakes—and the minerals which put Canada among the world's wealthiest nations.

● *Costs:* Advanced Booking Charter flights for 1976 to Toronto: £99-£150 according to season.

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Douglas Dickins

Chess

Defining beauty

One might have thought that what constitutes brilliance in chess was clear-cut and beyond dispute. All that has to be looked for is the startling and originally beautiful move and there is brilliance. In reality matters are much much more complicated. Over the last couple of hundred years there has been a seemingly perennial controversy over the true basis and nature of brilliance in the game. It is, in fact, an exact parallel to the arguments as to how one defines beauty. The similarity has become somewhat obscured by the fuzzy use of the word brilliance in English for what, in most other languages, is known as beauty. Prejudices die hard and the average Englishman still thinks of beauty as a rather effeminate word. But, given that it is beauty in chess for which we are looking, what constitutes this beauty? This is a question that has puzzled and defeated many a prize committee when considering their award in a tournament. *Is Keats's* "Beauty is truth, truth beauty" sufficient? Yes, and no. If a sacrifice or a combination is unsound then it loses much of its beauty. But that is not the whole answer. If a beautiful move is unsound, ie, is not true, then strictly speaking it loses its beauty, or most of it at any rate.

Nor is beauty as such enough. The move must also contain an element of originality if it is to startle us into thinking of it as brilliant. There is nothing particularly brilliant for example in the familiar Greek gift, in which a player gives up his KB with the, *by now*, trite sacrifice BxRP *ch*.

Furthermore, brilliant moves that are too crushing and that are achieved against feeble opposition leave us quite cold. *The loser must* also play well and many a great combination has gone unplayed for want of reasonable opposition.

In the November issue of the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, Dr Reinhard Cherubim, who is well-known in this country as a frequent vistor to the Hastings Congresses, quotes an interesting passage from the book of a tournament played at Maribor in 1930 in which the then world champion, Alexander Alekhine, has some wise and penetrating words to say on the subject: "Chess, the most delightful of all contests, since in this game the magnificent feelings of victory are in no way empoisoned by the remorse brought about by the knowledge that one has badly injured the defeated: Chess, that tragic art since in it the most beautiful ideas of the true artist for the most part never come to fruition because of the inadequacy of the unwilling co-operator—one's opponent."

Events of the past four years have given a bitter irony to the sentiment in his first sentence. That Bobby Fischer felt any remorse when he destroyed Taimanov, Larsen, Petrosian and Spassky in successive matches is, one supposes, possible. What is certain is that he exulted in destroying (injuring if you like) his opponent's psyche in which, of course, he was merely imitating Cassius Clay as Dr Cherubim points out.

But the second part of Alekhine's remarks remains absolutely true. Brilliant move demand really good opposition and, in many cases, it would b advisable to give the victim share of the prize. Dr Cherubim quotes a game played at Berg this year in which the winne received a portable radio an the loser a bottle of wine. Thi seems just, but there is a snag as will soon be revealed. White: Bednarski. Black Minev. Sicilian defence.

1	P-K4	P-QB4	4	KtxP	Kt-KB3
2	Kt-KB3	P-Q3	5	Kt-QB3	Kt-B3
3	P-Q4	PxP	6	B-QB4	Q-R3

A move first played by Besk and hence a little suspect. How ever, there is this to be sai in its favour, it gives rise t interesting chess. The norma moves are either 6 . . ., P-K3 6 . . ., P-QR3.

7 Kt(Q4)-Kt5 P-QR3 8 B-R3

Stronger than the tam retreat 8 Kt-R3, when Blac continues his development wit out hindrance by 8 . . ., P-K and 9 . . ., B-K2.

8 . . . Q-R4 9 Kt-Q4 KtxP

Acceptance of the gambi pawn is unwise, to say the leas Safer is 9 . . ., P-K3.

10 Q-B3 P-B4

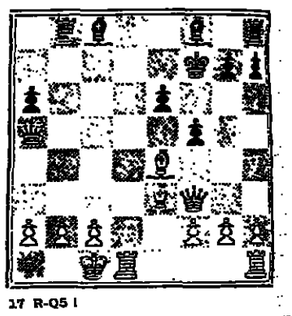
The alternative is 10 . . Kt-K4 when White gains th advantage by both 11 BxP ch KxB; 12 QxKt, and 11 QxK KtxB; 12 Kt-Kt3, Q-B2; 13 K Q5, Q-B3; 14 Kt-Q4, Q-Q2 15 0-0-0, according to Boleslav sky.

11 KtxKt PxKt 14 BxQP R-Qkt
12 0-0-0 P-Q4 15 B-B6 ch K-B2
13 KtxP PxKt 16 BxKt

Thus far, all Boleslavsky' *analysis*; he leaves it here wit the comment that now Whit has a won game. Bednarski ha to prove it and indeed he doe so. But is this enough to win a prize for brilliance?

16 . . . P-K3

Position after Black's 16th move



17 R-Q5 !

It was, no doubt, for this bril liant move that Bednarski received his radio.

17 . . . PxR

If the Queen moves off the Q1-R4 diagonal by 17 . . QxP then 18 RxP ch, PxR; 19 B-Q5 ch, wins for White.

18 BxP ch K-K1 20 Q-R5 ch P-B3
19 B-Q2 B-Kt5 21 Q-K2 ch K-Q1

The point of the Q check R5 is now clear; had the K been back on Kt2 then the Kn could have safely gone to KB1.

22 B-Kt5 ch K-B2 23 B-B4 ch

Winning back the Rook and establishing a position in which Black might as well resign. But Minev believes in the saying, "No one ever won a game by resigning."

25		K-Kt5	27	B-K5	R-K1
25	Q-K3 ch	Q-B4	28	B-Q4 ch	K-B
25	BxR	QxQ ch	29	BxB	KxB
26	PxQ	B-Kt2			

And the game went on another 20 moves before Black could bring himself to resign.

Harry Golombek

Gardening

For the first day of Christmas . . .

Continuing the search for useful and inexpensive presents for garden lovers; a neat Stem-tie cutter with a 50 metre reel of Twist-it paper covered wire, selling at £1.38, would be sure to please. Extra reels cost 45p.

Then there are various types of plastic tree tie—those with slots along their length into which the end of the tie may be passed. Thus you can make a loop round the stem of, say, a standard rose, make a buffer between it and the stake, and then fix the tie round the stake. If the stem swells you can adjust the tie accordingly.

Another useful adjustable type is the plastic strap with a buckle. The great point about tree ties of any type is that they can be loosened to prevent them from cutting into the bark as a stem or trunk swells. It is worth while just now checking all ties and adjusting them if necessary. also look at ties holding labels on branches. These are nowadays usually plastic or wire, and such a tie can easily cut into a swelling branch and kill it. I hang labels on tree branches with a loop of wire three or four times as large as the branch.

To keep house plants of all kinds as happy as possible the PBI Bio Mister, a splendid plastic sprayer, holding a pint of fluid, and costing 99p, is invaluable. It produces a very *fine misty spray or, by turning* the nozzle, a coarser spray. House plants love a freshening spray once a day and, of course, if they should become infested with pests, a spray or two with an insecticide is called for.

We keep a mist sprayer filled with water in the kitchen in summer. Then when the inevitable flies come in we can knock them down with one quick burst from the sprayer and knock them over the head with a fly swat once they are down. Not perhaps very sporting, but very effective.

Now for a gift for the person who has everything—or even for ordinary people. It is a development of the cordless hedge and grass trimmers introduced several years ago which had to come. They were originally powered by nickel cadmium cells in the handle of each tool. Now Black and Decker have produced an energy handle. This contains the batteries which can be recharged overnight and produce up to 45 minutes of continuous power depending on which tool head is used.

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The sealed beam lantern gives a powerful light for at least two hours on one charge.

Now prices; one would start by buying one of the three complete tools with a charger: the drill at £27.10, the shrub trimmer at £27.75, or the small grass shear at £25.65. (All prices include VAT). Then you can buy separately any of the other four tool heads you may require the shrub trimmer for £11.05, grass shear £8.65, lantern head. £4.95, or the drill head £12.40. The grass shear connecting handle costs £4.95.

This is obviously a gift for somebody who is likely to need *several of the tool heads*, and once you have given him the first choice—the handle, charger and one tool head, you can follow this up for subsequent Christmas or birthdays with another of the tool heads.

My first choice would be the unit with the drill. I would then acquire the lantern because I live in the country and a fully-charged battery powered lantern always ready for use is a real boon. The batteries may be left on charge indefinitely and come to no harm, so that you know you always have a fully charged power pack ready to hand. The makers say that the batteries should give five years of constant use.

A month ago I mentioned that the weather omens were too much like the build up of the autumn of 1962 for my liking. Nothing has happened since then to make me feel any happier about the winter ahead—on the contrary. On Monday morning the trees around us were white with rime. This reminded me of a fantastic sight of all the trees and hedgerows outside Paris in the last few days of November some years ago. All the French people in the train exclaimed that it presaged an early onset of winter, and a day or two after we arrived back home we had an inch of snow. So, it might be a good idea to do the routine checks—have salt or grit handy for spreading on paths, steps or sloping drives if or when the frosts and snow arrive.

Have plenty of leaves, straw or peat to spread over "hardy" fuchsias, nerines, amaryllis, and other plants that might be killed by severe and prolonged frosts.

Cut down the stems of globe artichokes now to about 1ft above the ground. Draw up soil to them as if you were earthing up potatoes, and spread a 6in layer of straw or bracken over the soil and up to but not covering the stems. In a severe spell we do cover the stems, but we push the covering back as soon as the frost has gone. If left over the stems all winter the plants may rot.

Roy Hay

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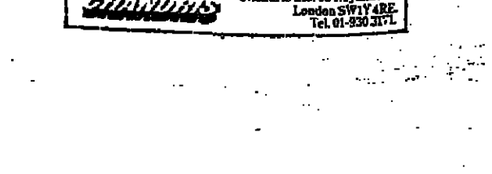
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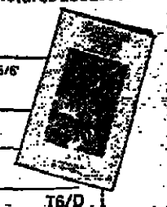
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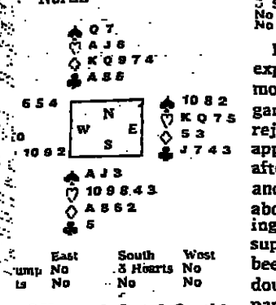
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Chess

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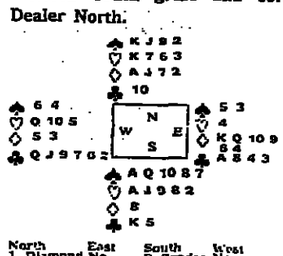
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...st ruffed the fourth ...ond, drew trumps with the ...and led a spade for which ...t had signalled when dis... ...ing. "Very unlucky", I ...ntly remarked (*meaning* ...elf) because the contract ... childishly easy to make. ... winning the opening lead declarer plays the ♡J from dummy, losing to the ♡Q but glad to see that both opponents follow suit. He wins in his hand whatever suit is returned and ducks a second round of trumps. If East plays a third club declarer discards a spade; no other defence presents any difficulty.

More abstruse is the defence to a contract where the declarer takes what appears to be a wild shot in the dark risking the loss of 1,000 by gambling on his opponents making a mistake. Here is an example of what actually occurred in a high-stake game.

North South game and 60. Dealer North.



North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	No	2 Spades	No
3 Spades	No	6 Spades	No
No	Double	Redouble	No
No	No		

Declarer was sufficiently experienced to know that his most profitable line to a gambling contract was by rejecting a conventional approach. He could be certain, after his partner had opened and given him a three raise above the needed score, of finding at least one ace and good support for Spades. East had been taught that he should double for a lead and asked his partner to open a diamond. West obliged and led the ◇5 to the ◇A ◇4 and ◇8. South deduced that the double was based on the diamond honours and the ♣A. In case the distributions of the other suits were hostile, he did not draw trumps immediately and instead played a small heart from dummy, finessing the ♡J.

West won and returned — ? what card? A club? Do not believe it, although East's double marked him with an ace. A heart? Impossible, although the ♣A could not run away if East followed to a heart. West played, as you would expect despite East's ◇4, a second diamond. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps in two rounds, threw dummy's ♣10 on the thirteenth heart and made the small slam.

Edward Mayer

The Christmas Jumbo Crossword Competition will be published in The Times *Saturday Review on December 20.*

Antiques

The unusual and amusing at Mr Bayly's

One of the shops I visited in my Christmas-present hunt last year was Bayly's Gallery at 8, Princes Arcade, off Piccadilly. Mr Bayly, then in his mid-90s, had become an institution in the London antiques world. He was older than much of his stock.

It seemed to eddy round him in the narrow shop in a picturesque muddle of chipped china piglets, samplers, paper cut-outs, lacy valentines, shaving mugs, moustache cups and Victorian scraps. His tall, spare figure would sway and bump about the room with the slightly inconsequential motion of a marionette worked by a novice puppeteer. He was indulgent to browsers, though there was certainly a crowd in the "gallery". He was always happy to dig into the enticing debris for whatever it was one wanted, but seemed just a little offended when I told him I was buying one of his prints for my book on bad taste.

Mr Bayly died early this year, and in tribute to him, though the shop is under new management, it will continue to be called Bayly's Gallery. The new owner, Paul Anstee, began as an actor after a RADA training.

He was in weekly rep with John Osborne while Osborne was writing *Look Back in Anger*: "We did a *six months'* season in Kidderminster. Osborne was good as Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire*." He had a number of small parts in the West End, but eventually decided he was not a good actor and took a job as personal assistant to Cecil Beaton, working with him on photographs and stage designs—*Quadrille* for the Lunts, the redecoration of the interior of the Duke of York's Theatre, and a play called *Aren't We All* by Lonsdale. "Then Beaton was going to America. He said 'I've been asked to do a deb dance. *You* do it.' So I did a deb dance for some people called Hare, now Lord and Lady Blakenham, in Regent's Park. That was in the early 50s. The main feature was 12 huge obelisks made of real flowers. After that I did dance after dance. Adrienne Allen asked me to do the party for her daughter Anna Massey who was coming out—that was all stags' heads, everything was stags' heads, I advertised in the local paper and got hundreds of them and dressed them in ruffs and jewels and pearls. I suppose you could call it a stag party. That was 1953: *Picture Post* did a big article on it."

In 1955 he set up an antique shop in the Kings Road, Chelsea, at the junction with Markham Street. "My father, a retired army colonel living in Jersey with a building firm he really wanted me to join, persuaded me to find a partner, and Adrienne Allen came in with me. We just bought what we fancied. I've always bought the unusual and the amusing—what wasn't then called 'camp', I suppose, but now is."

From the Chelsea shop, Paul Anstee and Adrienne Allen developed an interior decorating business. They were practical as well as arty: "Plumbers turned up on the day we said they would." They decorated a house for Dirk Bogarde, and Vivien Leigh's house in the country. In 1957 a group of London couturiers dubbed themselves "The Top Twelve" and held a show in Hamilton House, Piccadilly: Anstee did the decor. "Tony Armstrong-Jones was rushed down to take a photo of me for *Vogue*." Adrienne Allen left to live in Switzerland in 1958, leaving Anstee to run the business on his own. He was still in demand for theatre work, designing the decor for Noël Coward's *Nude with Violin*, at the Globe in 1959, for Terence Rattigan's *Variation on a Theme*, also at the Globe, and for Harold Pinter's *The Collection* for the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Aldwych in 1962.

But in 1972, after 17 years of decorating, he decided to switch back to full-time antique-dealing. "I was finding it more and more difficult to give the service—people were becoming very unreliable. Also I was disenchanted with the work. I'd got stale and sick of it." So he sold the business. Like a man who takes up driving again 20 years after passing his driving test, and decides to take a refresher course, Anstee resolved to give himself a year's apprenticeship in the antique trade. "I went down to Bermondsey market and noted the prices; I sat through auctions and noted the prices. I bought and sold on trestle tables in Brick Lane market, Bethnal Green, that's on Sundays. In that way I became *au fait* with the current prices. Then for a year I bought stock; I kept it in my studio flat in St Loo Court, Chelsea, most of it packed into nothing—it's amazing what you can get into a tea chest".

When Mr Bayly died, he left the shop to his niece, who sold it to Paul Anstee. Victoria Oakley, an actress who once played Peter Pan in Dublin, stayed on as his assistant. She had worked eight years for Mr Bayly, and told Mr Anstee: "You inherited me with the whatnots." She had never been allowed upstairs. Mr Anstee found dust half an inch thick up there, and had to wear an industrial mask to clear it out. None of Mr Bayly's stock is left on the shelves; a three-week sale was held and it all went.

Mr Anstee wants to appeal more to the serious collector than Mr Bayly did; but the shop is still filled with the kind of small antiques that make good Christmas presents. There is a lot of pink lustre pottery: a pepper pot, early nineteenth century, £32; a mug with splodges of colour on printed birds, £9.50; a Sunderland "splattered" jug decorated with a gothic ruin, £58. There are many Staffordshire figures, including the rare Florence Nightingale with an officer, his arm in a sling, at £225; a damaged example fetched £160 at Christie's on Monday. Mr Anstee said "I've always understood she only attended the soldiers, so she's been upgraded".

Mr Anstee sells phrenologists' heads by Fowler the phrenologist, and at present has in stock a phrenologist-head inkwell by F. Bridges at £125. "Always be suspicious if it's a Fowler marked inkwell. Fowler didn't do inkwells, so it would be a feke." Another unusual inkwell is a Lambeth stoneware barge, brown-glazed, with a Victorian sailor sitting on top: £28.

To illustrate his cult of the unusual, Mr Anstee showed me a Victorian skirt-lift. It was worn on a chain at the waist, rather like a pair of miniature salad tongs with a decorative clasp at the top. When the crinolined lady came to a puddle, she would lift her skirt, pinch it in the skirt-lift and step over. Price: £9.50. An ivory penknife inscribed "Long Live Queen Victoria" is only £6.

In his year of voracious buying, Mr Anstee made a collection of sand pictures, mostly made in the Isle of Wight. He has a pair of Morland scenes (sheep and pigs) worked in sand for £50 the pair. Two miniatures made in Alum Bay sand by Albert E. Neat of Newport, Isle of Wight, show Whippingham church and the arched rock, Freshwater Bay: £24 the pair. In a drawer are several lace bobbins bearing names or spiralling inscriptions. One which reads, helter-skelter, "I wish to wed the one I love so dear" is £6. An ivory book-mark that clips on the page is £4.50. A set of plated asparagus tongs—surely a very non-U accessory—are offered at £24 the six. There is a vast collection of china cats in an upstairs cupboard. "I only put two or three in the window at a time; if I put them all in, they'd all be gone in a week."

A Victorian child's jigsaw of "Breakfast time in the Monkey House" is £4. Mr Anstee does not sell old dolls "as I don't yet know enough about dolls to buy them." But, like old Mr Bayly, he specializes in Victorian music sheets: "Sheets by people like Alfred Concanen are a record of the nineteenth century—for example, they show what milk boys looked like and how they carried the milk." Copper chocolate moulds, including one moulded with billiard cues and balls in relief, are £5. An elephant jelly mould in pottery is £9.

But perhaps the most interesting things in the shop at the moment are two pictures executed in collages of cloth and velvet, by G. Smart, a tailor, of Frant, near Tunbridge Wells, in the early nineteenth century. Clifford's *Guide to Tunbridge Wells*, published in 1822, has this passage on Smart:

The company from the Wells, in their rides through Frant, are agreeably attracted on entering the village by the nouvelle exhibition of at tailor, who, out of cloth of divers colours, delineates animals and birds of various descriptions, with a variety of grotesque characters, particularly old Bright, the Postman, many years sweeper of Tunbridge Wells Walks, which is considered a good likeness. He has many visitors to inspect this singular collection, who seldom leave his house without becoming purchasers. He calls himself "Artist in Cloth and Velvet Figures to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex", who, with his characteristic good humour, patronizes the humble tailor. He is not a little proud of his royal patronage, which, with some lines, penned by the village bard, he never forgets to place at the back of ingenious productions.

Mr Anstee's two Frant pictures, one of which shows the postman, the other the "earth stopper" (who stopped up the fox's earth on the night before a day's sport), are £78 each. Both bear on the back Smart's delightful doggerel:

At Frant there dwells a man of fame,
By trade a Tailor, Smart by name,
Whose studies give me great delight,
For life resembled caught my sight.
There I beheld the Postman's face,
His walking-stick and letter-case;
With Ass in hand (to where he dwells),
As he returns to Tunbridge Wells....
He bore a letter in his hand,
Perhaps some favourable demand;
The same addressed to Mr Smart,
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Whose works appear by no means faint—
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Food

Spice and things nice

A good idea is always the one you wish you had thought of yourself. This describes my feeling about the following recipe for baked apples with cinnamon sugar which was recommended to me. Cinnamon goes so well with apples; how could I not have thought of it before?

Baked applies make a regular appearance on our table and up to date I have always liked them best just filled with castor sugar, topped with a nut of butter and with a little water in the tin to make a sweet syrup. The addition of ground cinnamon to the sugar makes them subtly different without complicating the recipe.

Baked apples with cinnamon sugar

Serves 4

- 4 cooking apples
- 4 rounded tablespoons castor sugar
- 2 level teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1oz butter
- 2-3 tablespoons cold water

Core the apples leaving them whole and then, using a sharp knife, run a skin deep cut round the middle of each one. This allows the skin to split neatly and if you take care to make the cut meet as you bring the knife round, the apple will rise up beautifully separating completely into two halves. The acid cooking apples do this best so use them. Bramley seedling which are in season at the moment are the ones to choose.

Place the apples in a baking or roasting tin and mix together the sugar and the cinnamon. Spoon the sugar into each apple, filling the hole from where the core has been taken away. Place a nut of butter on each apple and spoon the water into the baking tin.

Set the apples in a moderate oven (350 deg F or Gas no 4) and bake for about 45 minutes. You can tell when they are ready because they will be beautifully risen and if you pierce one with a sharp knife, it will feel soft right through to the centre. Try to plan the cooking time so that you can serve them straight from the oven, because they collapse if left to stand. The water in the tin will form a lovely syrup with the sugar and cinnamon. Spoon this over the apples as you serve them.

I think there is only one pear to use for cooking and that is our English Conference pear which is in season up until about February. The long tapering shape makes them very good for cooking whole and I usually recommend doing them in red wine. This gives the pears a lovely red colour but I was given a very good alternative when a friend suggested that I should use Grenadine which turns the pears pink. Grenadine is a red syrup made from pomegranates. It has a sweet flavour and will keep indefinitely.

Pears in Grenadine

Serves 6

- 6 Conference pears
- 6oz castor sugar
- 1 pint water
- 1-2 pieces pared lemon rind
- juice of ½ lemon
- 1 small piece stick cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons Grenadine syrup
- 1 level tablespoon cornflour
- 2 tablespoons water

Peel the pears, leaving them whole including the stalks. Put them temporarily in a bowl of cold water to keep them white while preparing the syrup.

Measure the sugar, water, finely pared lemon rind, lemon juice, stick cinnamon and Grenadine in a saucepan. Stir over low heat to dissolve the sugar and then bring to the boil. Add the pears, cover and simmer gently for 20-25 minutes or until they are tender. Test with a knife point.

Draw the pan off the heat and lift out the pears with a slotted spoon. Place the fruit in a serving dish and remove the lemon rind and the cinnamon stick from the hot syrup. Blend the cornflour with the water and stir this into the syrup remaining in the pan.

Replace the pan over the heat. Stir constantly until the syrup comes back to the boil, when it will thicken very slightly because of the addition of the cornflour. Pour this over the pears and leave them to cool. At this stage the syrup will taste rather sweet, but the pears must be allowed to stand at least overnight—then the delicate flavour of the pears and the sweet syrup will have blended and balanced out.

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Daniel O'Connell: A battle to the death in printer's ink

History has not dealt kindly with the *reputation of Daniel* O'Connell, the Irish liberator, agitator, repealer. The English never liked him, alive or dead. And what was the mythopoeic muse of Irish history to make of a national leader who, founding the association for the repeal of the Union in 1840, wrote into its first two articles "most dutiful and ever inviolate loyalty to our *most gracious* and ever beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria and her heirs and successors for ever" and "the total disclaimer of, and total abstension from, all physical force, violence, or breach of law"?

In the second of those declarations at least O'Connell was sincere and consistent. "Moral force" was what he sought to summon up and organize into an engine of political change. It worked in the case of Catholic emancipation and did not work in the case of the repeal of the Union. But exponents of physical force in Ireland have always had the best tunes, and after 1916-21—when Sinn Fein had won its victory and thereby sanctified the abortive revolutionists of the 1840s, the Young Irelanders, with whom O'Connell had fallen out—O'Connell's reputation went the way of John Redmond's.

Professional historians have begun his rehabilitation. But more declamatory versions of the national struggle have shuffled uneasily in the face of his undeniable influence, insinuating the qualities of a compromiser, an egotist, a windbag and a flop, partially seduced from the strait course of patriotism by the larger views of imperial politics at Westminster.

Yet what history has said about him when he was dead is nothing to what English newspapers said about him when he was alive. The historian W. E. H. Lecky, writing 14 years after O'Connell's death, said that "as the typical Irishman, Catholic and Repealer, he aroused against himself the strong national and religious prejudices of large classes of Englishmen". Nowhere was that prejudice more warmly expressed than in the editorial columns of *The Times*. For years the newspaper and the politician traded insults and vituperation. If it is now a bit late for *The Times* to withdraw or soften some of its imputations, the bicentenary of O'Connell's birth, which falls this year, provides alternatively an opportunity to recall them.

The quarrel came to a head in 1835. O'Connell had been having a go at the Tory press: "The abuse which those authorized miscreants pour upon the Catholic people of Ireland is so virulent as to exceed description and to be calculated as a prelude to massacre." He named Thomas Barnes, then editor of *The Times* as the 'prime traducer'. Barnes took up the challenge in a leading article on December 12, 1835. Of the religion of the Catholic people of Ireland *The Times* had said not a word "although their *Church Government* is a political and social nuisance". "It is against O'Connell, himself the real grievance of Ireland and the Empire, that we have declared open war; we would not assassinate him (as he significantly hints his wish concerning us), but we would chain him. We deem the peace of Ireland and the public safety in danger by his being at large." *O'CONNELL*: "That vile journal which has falsely, foully, and wickedly caluminated me every day and on every subject—a journal which exhibits the foulest instance of political tergiversation that has ever disgraced the press of England—a journal whose talent has *served only to enhance* the price of its prostitution. (June 14, 1836.)

THE TIMES (O'Connell having indicated that he might have something to say about the private life of Lord Lyndhurst): What an unredeemed and unredeemable scoundrel is this O'Connell. . . . Oh! how long shall such a wretch as this be tolerated *among civilized* men? As surely as he dares to invade the privacy of the life of Lord Lyndhurst, or any other man . . . so surely will we carry the war into his domiciles at Derrynane and Dublin, and show up the whole brood of O'Connells, young and old. (August 29, 1836.)

O'CONNELL: Your rascality is purely venal and has no more of individual malignity in it than inevitably belongs to beings who sell their souls to literary assassination—and who from their nature would be actual assassins, if they lived at the period of history when the wages of villains of that description bore a reasonable proportion to the hire you receive for a different, only because a bloodless, atrocity.

THE TIMES: We have years ago told this poor man's robber that we were at war with him—open war—war to the political extinction of one of us—of Daniel O'Connell or of *The Times* newspaper and the Conservative and Protestant cause. (January 3, 1840.)

And so it went on, with evident relish on both sides—a war-to-the-death in printer's ink. It broke no bones. *The Times* and O'Connell prospered. When in 1847 O'Connell died at the age of 72, *The Times*, under a different editor by then, pursued him into the grave. A leading article occasioned by his death invoked the calamity of the famine then *raging as a judgment on* O'Connell's public life: "The utter unpreparedness of the people under a tremendous natural visitation has proved at once the utter worthlessness of all he had done" (May 25, 1847). A similar charge, curiously enough, was laid against him by the apologists of Young Ireland (whose view of contemporary history departed in every other respect from that to be found at Printing House Square)—that his doctrine of moral force had left his people defenceless during the famine.

O'Connell's reputation should certainly not be left in the custody of backnumbers of *The Times*. He was a popular leader of genius. He helped to create Irish Catholic national consciousness and gave it the force of organized mass opinion, which it never thereafter wholly lost. *He failed in his chief* enterprise of restoring the constitutional position which had obtained during that brief Periclean age when Grattan's Parliament had sat in Dublin: a legislatively independent Ireland united to Great Britain under the Crown. He failed because English parliamentary opinion, like *The Times*, was averse to any such dilution of the Union and because it was not fearful of the massive but orderly displays of popular feeling which O'Connell orchestrated. Let those who think he should therefore have graduated to violence, a language better understood at Westminster, contemplate the present condition of Ulster.

Lecky again: "The more I dwell upon the subject the more I am convinced of the splendour and originality of the genius and of the reality of the patriotism of O'Connell, in spite of the animosities that surround his memory and the many grievous faults that obscured his life."

T. J. O. Hickey

Abusing Mrs Thatcher is not the brand of leadership we seek from Mr Wilson

George Hutchinson

Mr Wilson (as I happen to know) has shown Mrs Thatcher much personal consideration during her 10 months as Leader of the Opposition, especially in the early days. While it may be thought that the proprieties—the conventions—of public life required nothing less of him, his courtesies were both marked and appreciated.

Why then has he suddenly resorted to public abuse of Mrs Thatcher, deriding her as "Piltdown woman", harsh exponent of a doctrine of inequality characterized by "extreme antiquity and the fact that it has been proved a phoney"? Language of this sort is quite at variance with the good manners that have always distinguished his private behaviour. He is neither cold nor discourteous by nature.

The epithet "Piltdown" is inexcusably insulting, even under the licence traditionally extended to political debate. Strong words we can accept; extravagance and excess are familiar enough in the party battle; but there are recognizable limits to personal denigration, and they are usually observed. Not that Mrs Thatcher is likely to suffer: more probably, Mr Wilson damages himself by employing such an expletive.

How to account for his lapse (if lapse it was)? Perhaps he is becoming rattled, not so much by Mrs Thatcher's growing authority in her own party as by a deepening awareness of public criticism of himself for not providing that grade of leadership — truly elevated *national* leadership—expected of any Prime Minister in times of national extremity.

As I was suggesting last Saturday (and have previously acknowledged), Mr Wilson may have it in him to accomplish what is required; he may be able to assert the commanding influence that can and ought to accompany his office. But he has still to prove it. To my mind, his inner resources are not exhausted—because they are *not yet fully engaged in* the high purpose to which he is called. Those resources are almost certainly greater than many of his critics will ever allow or even perceive.

Thomas Barnes, a celebrated editor of this newspaper in the nineteenth century, may not have been altogether right when he wrote: "John Bull, whose understanding is rather sluggish, requires a strong stimulus." I am not sure that John Bull's understanding was or is so sluggish: but he undoubtedly needs a stimulus on occasion—and one of those occasions has been upon us for quite a while.

If Mr Wilson can supply that stimulus, let him do so now, at once, for there is not a moment to lose. Then he might still go down to history as someone much more than a remarkably dogged and durable leader of the Labour Party.

□ Six and a half years ago Mr Ian Gilmour published *The Body Politic*, a study of our national institutions that could be described as weighty but not ponderous, closely informed but never pedantic. It will remain essential reading for anyone seriously interested in public affairs.

Mr Gilmour was then the MP for Central Norfolk, a private member. He has since become a Privy Councillor, Secretary of State for Defence in the Heath Government and chairman of the Conservative Research Department, and is today—while representing Chesham and Amersham—the spokesman for Home Office affairs in Mrs Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet. After all this he is still under 50, and must be reckoned a considerable force in the Conservative Party. His is an influence for moderation, for a modern application of Mr Harold Macmillan's Middle Way.

Mr Gilmour, then, is no revolutionary; but neither is he a defender of the status quo, an enemy of change. In his book he suggested that "piecemeal reform is not an unreasonable approach; indeed piecemeal reform is what is needed". Despite the current denigration, he went on, "much of the praise that used to be lavished on the British constitution was justified. Under it the British people have probably lived a life as safe, as free, as happy and as good as any other people in the world".

He is now contemplating an extension to that book, a sequel. But the optimistic assurance of yesteryear has faded in the interval: while not surrendering to gloom, he is distinctly less hopeful. Discussing his present outlook with me the other day, he had this to say:

"The 1969 book accepted that the two-party system worked well because under it we had moderate and decent if not particularly exciting government, and the two parties were not all that far apart. The two-party system cannot work if they *are* far apart. I thought that in 1969, because although the Wilson *Government* was outstandingly incompetent it was not extreme.

"All that changed after the 1970 election, when Mr Wilson systematically betrayed all that he had tried to achieve in office—Europe, trade union reform, an incomes policy. He fought the February 1974 election on *an extreme* left-wing programme.

"The Labour victory in that election was not only a victory for an extremist policy: it was also a victory over Parliament. Just as Mr Wilson had overtly supported a political strike in May 1973, so Labour were in fact supporting the miners in their political strike against the Conservative Government."

In 1969, he continued, "the main political and constitutional problems were concerned with the procedures for making decisions. Now the basic constitutional problem is how to gain consent for parliamentary government, how to ensure that decisions are made as a result of democratic deliberation and *democratic vote*, and not by brute industrial force".

Mr Wilson may think that assessment worth pondering.

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Sportsview

Volleyball, the nearest thing to human chess

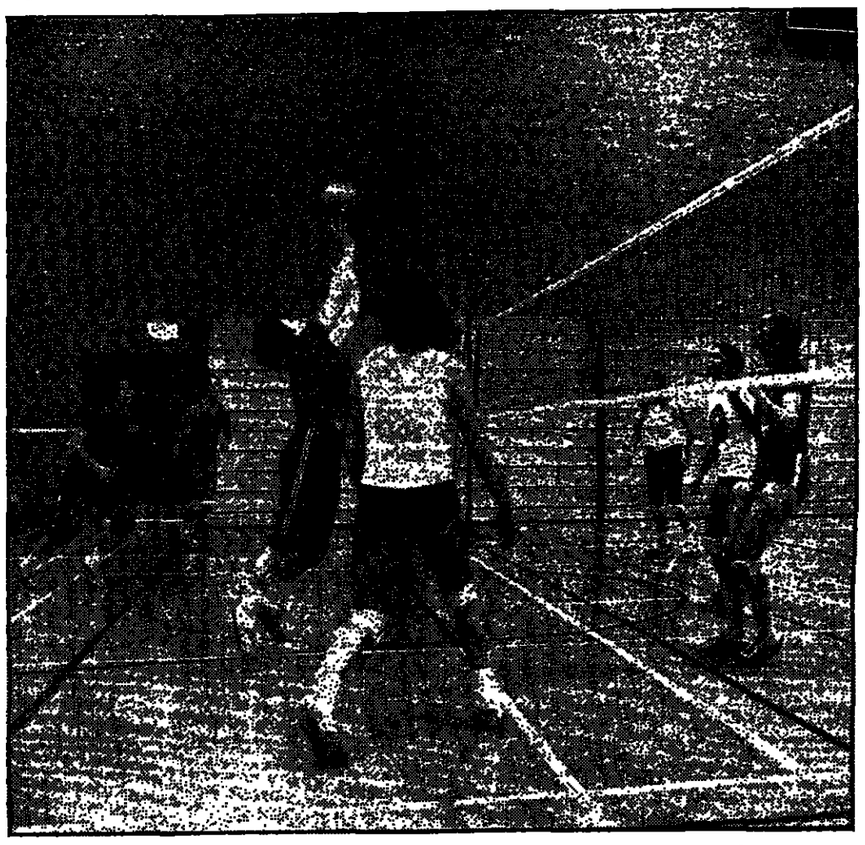
The last day of November, the London suburbs awash in lunchtime sherry and Sunday newspapers, motorists speeding lemming-like into the thickening fog. Through the murk the *plate-glassed Harrow Leisure* Centre gleams like a spectral palace, a splendid local authority extravagance built with the noblest of motives but already a glittering millstone round ratepayers' necks.

Inside, the atmosphere is that of a luxury hotel, the sort of place one might expect to find in the athlete-cossetting countries of *eastern Europe* but surprising in hard-up Britain. Track-suited attendants point the way down carpeted corridors to the "open area"—I should have called it a gymnasium, but perhaps it is too grand for that—where the English women's volleyball team is practising for its match against Spain tonight and tomorrow.

Volleyball is said to have been invented in the United States towards the end of the last century although, judging from recent correspondence in *The Times*, there will probably be those who claim that it was played by the Medes and the Persians. It was intended to provide a gentler alternative for aging sportsmen who found basketball too strenuous, but it quickly became popular in schools, universities and the armed forces.

Servicemen introduced it to Europe and the Far East, and in 1947 the International Volleyball Federation was founded which, two years later, organized the first world championship. It was included in the Olympic Games for the first time at Tokyo in 1964.

The Japanese have since been among the game's leading exponents, as have the Russians and East Europeans. Its popularity is explained by the fact that it provides energetic team sport in a small area—in warm climates it can be played out of doors and even on beaches



—and needs minimal equipment.

It is also extremely graceful. Mr Ken Harvey, the newly appointed coach of the British women's team, who discovered it himself only quite recently, waxes lyrical on the subject. "It is the most subtle and beautiful game I know", he says. "I regard it as the nearest thing possible to human chess."

In principle it is not unlike badminton, but without rackets and with a large inflatable ball instead of a shuttlecock. Two teams of six players stand either side of a high net, and the idea is simply to prevent the ball striking the ground in your court. Each team is allowed three strikes with which to return the ball over the net, which means, for instance, that the first may be a defensive recovery, the second used to punch the ball high into the air near the front of the court, and the third a downward smash from a player leaping up close to the net.

Traditionally players have been taught to strike the ball with the open hand, but recently the Japanese have developed the art of punching with clenched fists without sacrificing any of their astonishing accuracy. It is the need for such pinpoint accuracy, the purpose being to deceive your opponents and catch them wrong-footed and out of position, that makes a complex skill out of an otherwise simple-looking process.

The game is still relatively new in Britain and, since Mr Harvey reckons it needs at least eight years to reach international standard, it is not surprising that both the men's and women's teams are some way below the world's best. But the English girls have managed to beat Austria, Luxembourg and Scotland, and have high hopes against Spain.

Nicky Hamilton, the team's cool, self-possessed captain, has been playing for the last nine years but regrets the lack of regular top-class competition. Next year she and her teammates hope to raise the fare for a two-week visit to Czechoslovakia, as the guests of the Czech national association, which will give them invaluable *experience of playing against* the best local sides. "But their national team would at the *moment just thrash us off the* court", she concedes.

For last Sunday's training session the girls, most of them physical education teachers or students, had travelled from as far afield as Bristol, Liverpool and Birmingham. Thanks to a £2,000 grant from the Sports Council, they now get three-quarters of their travelling expenses paid, but until last year it cost them £200 to £300 a season out of their own pockets.

Like other minority sports, volleyball is struggling for greater recognition and officials have, so far in vain, tried to persuade either the BBC or ITV to include it in a Saturday afternoon sports programme. "If we could just get one match on television and, if possible, manage to win, it would make all the difference in the world", Mr Harvey says. "But they just don't seem to want to know."

John Young

The first good news that put the Church on a firm foundation

Did Jesus accept the title of Messiah? To do so would have played straight into the hands of his opponents

Professor Hick's reading of the New Testament evidence is not the only one that can sustain itself in the face of modern biblical scholarship. He suggests the following sequence: (1) Jesus did not claim to be Messiah; (2) the primitive Church invented this claim on his behalf; (3) the Messiah, conceived to be of the Davidic royal line, was regarded as a "son of God" in the poetic sense in which that title might be used of a consecrated king: (4) later on, this "poetic image" was hardened into the "metaphysical dogma" of consubstantiality with God the Father. This order of development is highly questionable.

The first of the four points can take us to *the heart of the* matter. There was a question about Jesus, not only for his followers after his death but for those who watched him from day to day during his ministry: Into what category can he be fitted? He was obviously a rabbi, though not affiliated to an acknowledged rabbinic master. But was he not something more? He spoke with authority and not like a scribe. Was he, perhaps, a new prophet? Or was he an *old* prophet come back to life (so prone are ordinary people to metahistorical musings)? Herod is alleged to have conceived the notion that Jesus was John the Baptist, risen from the dead. Jesus's own disciples were baffled: "Who is this" (or, as Matthew expresses it, "What sort of a person is this") "whom even the wind and the waves obey?" (Professor Hick is silent about the "miracles" of Jesus, though they carry us right back to the immediate impressions created among his contemporaries, some of whom thought *they were the effect of Jesus* being under diabolic influence).

The simplest, though daring, suggestion was to say that Jesus was the Messiah. And if that was being said, we can understand the anxiety of Jewish officialdom: Bartimaeus had hailed him as "son of David", and the Palm Sunday crowd had acclaimed the coming kingdom of David. "King of the Jews" ran the super-scription of the cross, we are told; and indeed Pilate must have thought he could offer some excuse for the execution.

Did Jesus accept the title of Messiah? He too was faced with the question of the right category in which to express his self-consciousness. To take for himself the title of Messiah in that Zealot-heated world would have played straight into the hands of his opponents. But could he reject the title? The fact is that it said both too much and too little. Yet even at his interrogation by the chief priest he could not *disclaim* it.

I turn to Professor Hick's third point. There is plenty of evidence to support the view that, so far from the title "son of God" being a deduction from a false ascription of the title "Messiah", it was antecedent to this title. In other words, Jesus had a radical self-knowledge that was correlated to his experienced relation to God. God, as the prayer of Jesus discloses, was to him his "Abba" (a word too intimately tender for our translation "father", too reverential for any other translation). And if God was his father, then Jesus was God's son. The relationship was unique: it has been pointed out that, for the New Testament, we ourselves are only sons of God inasmuch as we are "in" the unique Son. Here was the radical claim of Jesus, implicit in his own self-consciousness and (I repeat) antecedent to the subordinate question of his Messiahship. And it may have been a suspicion of this radical claim that led the high priest at the interrogation to rend his garments and cry blasphemy. We might well echo that cry, but for the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection was not only the first good news proclaimed by the Church: it was the efficient cause of the Church's existence.

Bishop B. C. Butler

This is the second of a series of three articles by Bishop Butler, who is the Roman Catholic Vicar Capitular of the Westminster diocese, in reply to the article by Professor John Hick—"Changing views of the uniqueness of Christ" in The Times *on October 11.*

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China's many faces surprise and even shock the West's radical tourists

Many radicals leave China convinced that it can provide the answers. Others are offended that it does not fit the mould they had made for it.

Peking

One of the characteristic sights of Peking is the small army of visiting western radicals, loping around in the spanking new cotton tunics and peaked caps which they are permitted to buy without the normal ration coupons at the city's big "Friendship Store".

China—with its nuclear tests in the atmosphere, its outlawing of extra-marital sex, and its admiration for Richard Nixon, Edward Heath and Franz-Josef Strauss—remains the idol of much of the western left.

Not all of the left, certainly. Members of the British Communist Party, and extreme radicals who profess to consider even China too right-wing, will not easily obtain visas for Peking. The interviewing officers at Chinese Embassies *may show an insis*tent curiosity about the applicant's views on the Sino-Soviet dispute.

Many leave China after their whirlwind tours, reinforced in their belief that it can provide such answers. Others, looking shocked and somehow offended, complain that the country has not fitted the mould they made for it in *their minds. They clearly* resent being told things which do not suit their concept of China, and may take it out on their informants by calling them "cynics".

It is difficult for many western visitors to accept that China is not an egalitarian society in terms of rewards and incomes, and that Chinese people do regard wages as important. It comes to them as a surprise to learn that a fairly senior official can earn eight times as much as a young industrial worker, and that there is no income tax to level the difference out.

Having heard their Chinese tour-guides assure them that there are no splits or factions in the national leadership, western radicals blame such ideas on "China-watchers". They easily accept that the purge of thousands of senior officials in the late 1960's, from the Head of State and the Secretary General of the Communist Party down, was a *necessary piece of social engineering.*

However, the case of Lin Piao causes puzzlement, for the crimes he is posthumously accused of (revisionism, Confucianism and capitulationism) seems the exact opposite of the figure he cut in the eyes of western radicals before his disgrace (the master strategist of world revolution and the ultra-loyal comrade of Chairman Mao).

The return of so many formerly disgraced officials to power over the past three years (including the same former Secretary General, Mr Teng Hsiao ping, now in practice acting as Prime Minister) also presents difficult ideological problems for the radical. But Chinese guides and officials can go some way to alleviating such doubts, by explaining that almost anyone can be rehabilitated after thorough political and personal reform. Where and how those rehabilitated underwent reform is not disclosed.

A favourite theme for visitors from the west these days is of course women's liberation. A country which has sent a woman up Everest, and which frees mothers from the burden of looking after their infants so that they can work instead, has surely something to teach us. The evident shortage of women in senior official posts is seen as a pity, but doubtless something which will be got over in time. Only there are some doubts about the "wisdom" of forbidding both women and men to have any sexual experience before they are married, preferably in their middle or late twenties, and about dictating the number of children they may have.

To silence any further doubts about the importance of China's experiment, the enthusiastic radical will point to its huge problems of population, underdevelopment, backwardness and political tradition. Surely there can be no way of solving such problems without rigorous social discipline, political uplift and economic austerity.

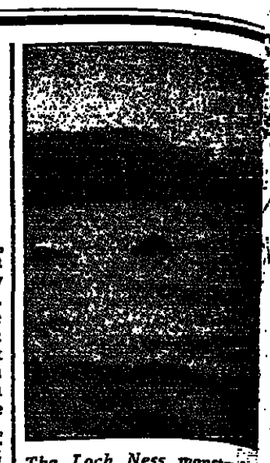
This raises exactly the questions that China fails to answer for the west. China has chosen its own way of development: at the cost of certain things it has bought others. But clearly its problems are quite different from those of the developed west, and most of the solutions it has chosen would quickly prove unacceptable to the west's radical reformers, if there were any real chance of their being implemented there.

The western radical too often comes to China with an intellectual double standard. Confronted with low living standards, direction of labour, *rationing, often grim housing* conditions and patchy medical facilities, he or she will argue that such things cannot reasonably be compared with conditions in Britain, the oldest industrial country in the world. But precisely this observation should invalidate the notion that Britain or any other developed country has fundamentally important things to learn from China about the organization of social prosperity.

Many radicals contend that in China people have discovered a new form of cooperation and mutual trust unknown under capitalism. Yet they cannot possibly know this, because not even the best-disposed person from abroad is really admitted to China's confidences or allowed to share the life of the Chinese people. Fellow-travellers who have been in China for years still live shut away in comfortable hostels.

Too many preconceptions just do not fit the facts. It is a hallowed belief of some radicals that violent crime has been eliminated in China. But that makes it difficult to *explain* the bands of armed militia who patrol the streets at night, and the announcements of public executions which appear from time to time in the cities.

David Bonavia



The Loch Ness monster photograph taken by Lachlan Stewart on July 1951.

Nessie lives, if only on warm days

Scientists may be divided on the latest "evidence" that the Loch Ness Monster exists—the official presentation of the new evidence will be at the House of Commons next Wednesday evening—but monster hunter Tim Dinsdale is one man who has no doubts at all that Scotland's legendary tourist attraction is more than just a legend. "I know many people treat it as a joke", he says. "But we are on the verge of the greatest zoological discovery of the century".

He bases his belief on his own sightings, and on the "very interesting" results obtained by scientists from the Academy of Applied Science in Boston, Massachusetts, who spent four weeks working in the loch last summer using sophisticated underwater research equipment linked to flash colour photography. These results have now been analysed, and were to have been discussed at an international symposium in Edinburgh next week.

Now the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the city's two universities, have "severed all links" with the symposium because of the publicity it has attracted, while experts at the National History Museum in London have said that they will be convinced only when they see a carcass. Once again, the Monster theory is in disrepute.

But things look very different from the deck of a small boat on the choppy waters of Loch Ness, and Mr Dinsdale, who helped with last summer's search, believes that the academy's report will show that in the loch there is a breeding colony of an unknown variety of marine animal, growing to a length of about 40ft and possibly similar to the long-extinct plesiosaur.

Sightings of the Loch Ness Monster—universally known as "Nessie"—go back at least as far as AD 565, but increased dramatically *with the building* of the road along the western side of the loch in the 1930s. Hundreds of holidaymakers and local residents have since seen unexplained objects in the water of the loch, which is 24 miles long, an average of one mile wide, and up to 1,000ft deep.

Peat stains the water a dark brown, and makes normal methods of underwater exploration impossible. The monster mystery has been enhanced by photographs, including one of a large and unexplained wake taken by Mr Dinsdale in 1960 which the Royal Air Force analysed and reported to be caused by an object "probably animate". There have also been a number of unexplained *happenings on the loch, such* as the sudden disappearance of strong swimmers or the death of World Speed record holder John Cobb in 1952 when his power boat hit some unexpected ripples on otherwise still water at a speed of 206 mph.

Highlanders have long accepted the monster "Each Uisge", or "water horse" of Gaelic legend, and children living in villages near the loch often are still forbidden to play near the water. But attempts to trap "Nessie" have met with recurring failure. Tradition says that the monster can be lured out of the water only by 24 Scottish virgins. More prosaic methods used have included meat hooks baited with entire pig carcasses, and even mone lures.

If such efforts turn the monster into a joke, and the only thing that is trapped are inquisitive tourists who flock to the shores of the loch in summer, then 50-year-old Tim Dinsdale—who gave up his job as an aeronautical engineer 10 years ago to concentrate on hunting the monster—is not moved.

He lives on the loch in a tiny boat, Sea Horse, says he has seen the monster "many times" ("a neck as thick as a telegraph pole, and moving through the water at great speed") and adds: "I do not blame anyone who treats the matter lightly—why should they? I used to think it was a lot of nonsense—but it is a case of seeing is believing".

The aquatic animals in the loch, he suggests, "see" and hunt by sonar, and break the surface only in certain weather conditions which affect the animal's sensory organs.

So would-be monster spotters would be well advised to choose a warm day when the water is calm—for those are the days when "Nessie" is most likely to be seen.

Unfortunately, they are the only conditions which occur all too rarely in the mountainous Scottish Highlands around Loch Ness.

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Mr Roger Parker, as is normal when Counsel is chosen to lead for a Government department, is a very senior and experienced barrister. He took Silk in 1961; he is a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn; he was Chairman of the Bar Council in the year 1972-73. He is a man in his early fifties, and a more experienced and distinguished Counsel of higher esteem in his profession it would be hard to find.

Lord Denning is a kind man and he softened his rebuke by trusting that Mr Parker's threat was only a piece of Advocate's licence. Yet would such an Advocate, with all his experience and the authority of one who stands at the head of his profession, make such a threat to the court—a threat which stands at least on the perimeter of contempt—if he did not know for sure that he was speaking his clients' mind? Is it not more likely that Mr Parker would have required specific instructions—like defence counsel who has to put forward a defence of police perjury—before committing himself to so dangerous an argument?

Whether that be so or not, Mr Parker was in fact the Advocate for the Home Office and unless he is disavowed it must be assumed that he was putting his client's arguments. An Advocate, particularly an experienced and skilled Advocate, is not speaking for himself and an Advocate of such experience is not likely to be speaking merely by inadvertence.

So we have the Home Office saying, or giving a very broad and obvious hint, to the Court of Appeal that the Court had better find for them and against the citizen, or the Court would have its wings clipped. That is an improper threat about the future in order to induce the Court to make a wrong finding in the present.

It seems inconceivable that this doctrine could have originated in the mind or policy of the present Home Secretary. There is no man in this Government who would be more sensitive to the impropriety of such a thing being said, and indeed no man less likely to carry out such a grossly unconstitutional threat if he were advised to do so. Yet he is, after all, responsible. It is for him that Mr Parker speaks; however much one may believe that there was a distortion of the intention which occurred somewhere on the long official road between the mind of the Home Secretary and the tongue of the Advocate, it is the Home Secretary who is answerable for it.

Should one say, in the kindly way that Lord Denning said it, that this was just something which could not possibly have been meant? Surely one cannot. It is one of the most important things that has been said on behalf of the Government in any court in England since the reign of James II. It is telling the Judges what to do, and threatening to clip their jurisdiction if they do not. It revives the idea of a dispensing power: indeed, it asserts that when the Executive has behaved unlawfully the Executive will change the law or change the Courts rather than accept the limitations of law in its own affairs.

What is most sad about this is that it shows how widespread the assumptions of unlimited administrative authority have become. Mr Roy Jenkins is, after all, the most liberal minister in the present Government, and the Home Office has a special responsibility for the enforcement of law. That even under such a minister the Department should be represented in Court by the bully's doctrine that one thought had vanished with the Stuart kings—the doctrine that administration is above the law—shows how rapidly we are losing our national sense of the principles of liberty. In the seventeenth century the matter was corrected by a bloodless revolution and a Bill of Rights. We may find ourselves retreading the same path. We must teach our new masters—political, bureaucratic, and corporate—that law is great and they are little, because the bringing and keeping of the executive power under the law is the condition of liberty itself.

JCIAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTION

stralian general elec- into its last week, the ew, based on the ls and the pathfinding the New Zealand r the Labour govern- to be that Mr Fraser e prime minister by t by nomination. He elation yesterday to ops not to risk the placency. Voting in compulsory, so the ot to get the vote out but to achieve conversions among mmitted. Small ebbs duce disproportion- losses. Australia's ortional representa- w up curious aber- ially in the Senate. to be a real possi- r Fraser could win house, only to find lam had transferred y to the upper. scents a big victory ssue that was domi- the constitutional reasserted itself: parlous economic i the government's nt of it. Mr Fraser position colleagues force an election ctober they seemed in because of the disunity, scandals urity. They finally ıate majority to the ing supply and pre- crisis (they had y lesser measures) realized Mr Whit- ging on in anticipa- economic upturn, is doubters would return to the fold. The Senate's refusal of supply, and the Governor-General's dismissal of Mr Whitlam for not dissolving parliament, swung public opinion back to the sacked prime minister, and produced a shock wave of emotion on which Mr Whitlam expected to coast home through the economic surf and spray.

He seems to have miscalculated; Mr Fraser to have judged better. Mr Whitlam has failed to convince the electorate that the dismissal of an elected government still in command of the lower house is such a debauching of democracy, that it transcends all other issues. Mr Fraser has reanimated anxiety about inflation—at 12 per cent—and unemployment—at 6 per cent. The New Zealanders' dismissal of their Labour rulers on the grounds of economic irresponsibility is an argument to Australians (other than committed Labour supporters) that it is the grass roots issue.

Not that Mr Fraser has offered any policies defying world trends. His promises to reduce public spending are cunningly unspecified. But he can claim that business confidence would recover with Mr Whitlam's defeat and he has shrewdly offered help to the small business men who have suffered under Labour rancour, and who are well represented among the New Australian minority groups. Mr Whitlam's attempt to lay all the responsibility on world capitalism is doing him no more good than it did Mr Rowland.

The constitutional issue, however, is still there, and it may be doubted if a Fraser victory will entirely dispose of it. If Mr Fraser wins he must expect an unequalled degree of trade union hostility, supercharged by fury over the dismissal of a Labour government with a majority. To the extent that the election is won on economic issues, it will be harder to persuade the Labour half of Australia that the majority has endorsed Sir John Kerr's use of his prerogative powers as constitutional. Divisions will be deepened, to say the least. One would imagine that the majority on both sides will hope that this crisis will never recur, that the issue can never arise again. But if Mr Whitlam were to win a Senate majority, either in a week's time or by any such political manoeuvres as gave it to Mr Fraser's party, the issue could arise again; Mr Whitlam would feel entitled to his tit for tat with Mr Fraser.

Mr Fraser has every reason to be happy with Sir John Kerr, but the prospect seems to be that in future incoming governments will make sure that their appointments to Government House are totally subservient to the prime minister and party. This is to turn the Governor-Generalship into a rubber stamp, and bring in a form of presidential government by the worst method. There will obviously be a long post mortem on the propriety of the Governor-General's action, but if it is found wanting at any point, the remedy is in constitutional adjustment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closed shop legislation and the individual

From the Secretary of State for Employment

Sir, You started the week by calling me a "fascist" (the most offensive word in the dictionary of abuse) on the basis of a brief extract torn from a quite lengthy letter, the terms of which you must either not have known or had chosen to suppress. I had thought that once you had been forced by the remarks in the House of Commons to publish the full letter you would at least have understood the position; but no such luck or good manners on your part. You make no apology, but repeat the offence. So let me try again.

I must make it clear that an industrial tribunal is now hearing the complaint of unfair dismissal by the six workers at Ferrybridge. The question whether they should be paid unemployment benefit for the first six weeks is still under consideration by the independent adjudicating authorities who, under quite separate legislation, decide on claims to such benefit. Meanwhile, as happens many times a year, benefit has not been paid while the necessary facts are collected.

The main purpose of my letter of November 27 to Mr Paul Nicolson was, in response to a request from him, to explain these procedures, and to underline the fact that no decisions had been taken by these respective authorities and that neither I nor any other Minister had any power to intervene—and quite right too. I did not condone or condemn or pass any judgment on the dismissals or any part of these procedures; I merely explained. Moreover, the passage in my letter which you misconstrued for your own purpose was intended to be no more than a statement of general relevance and not to be applicable solely to cases raising closed shop issues.

It does happen to be the fact that many of the terms of a collective agreement are normally regarded as being reflected in an individual's contract of employment, and because of this a failure by an individual to comply with a condition of employment when required to do so by his employer might be regarded as action bringing about his own dismissal. But this is not automatically so. It would be for the statutory authorities to decide in the light of the facts of a particular case and the application of the relevant law to those facts. And all these legal distinctions and arrangements existed before I appeared on the ministerial scene; so I and perhaps others may fail to understand how references to them by me can be cited as a proof of fascist proclivities.

I must emphasize again also that the laws relating to unfair dismissal and the payment of unemployment benefit are quite separate statutes and are not dependent in any way on one another. The various changes in the law on the closed shop and unfair dismissal, for which I have had responsibility, do not bring about a change in the conditions on which benefit is paid.

The industrial tribunal has to determine the complaints by the six workers at Ferrybridge under the current relevant provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act itself, but whether a case of that type is decided under that Act, or under the law in the form proposed in the Amendment Bill now before Parliament, will not affect the interpretation of the Social Security Act by its own adjudicating authorities. And, as Mr Dennis Gordon, President of the Holborn Law Society, has explained in your columns, any attempt to characterize the procedures under this Act as fascist is ignorant and absurd.

Stripped, then, of these extraneous issues with which you have sought to mislead your readers, my offence in your eyes must derive from the legislation affecting the closed shop and the rights of individuals in closed shop situations, for which I have been responsible. These issues have been extensively debated both in Parliament and outside without anyone being fatuous enough to make accusations of fascism.

Naturally I understand that there is room for the fullest public debate about the proper balance to be accorded to collective and individual rights. Both must be protected in a free society. But after the experience of recent years I would have thought that less attention would be paid to those who still refuse to recognize that the attempt to settle the intricate issues involved by the methods of the 1971 Industrial Relations Act resulted in failure and fiasco.

Neither society nor the individual can be shielded by unworkable Acts challenging the first principles of free trade unionism. Rights of association are no less important than other freedoms but professed liberals have not always shown much interest in defending that right, from the days of Lord Melbourne.

I had thought also that there was an enlarged common ground about the closed shop. Increasing numbers of people who have applied their minds to the problem—the House of Commons after frequent debates, learned judges, even the House of Lords—have agreed that the closed shop cannot be outlawed. And once that is accepted, the next question poses itself: what are the right and effective protections against abuses?

The legislation itself is designed to enable employers and unions who make closed shop agreements to do so on a flexible basis and take account of minority interests, and also to enable an independent body—the ACAS—to ensure that the interests of a minority group are not overlooked; any independent union can refer a recognition issue to ACAS and its members will be protected against dismissal without compensation while ACAS considers the issue or if ACAS recommends recognition.

I believe, and the Government believes, and the House of Commons believes, that support should be given to the protection, additional to the common law rights which continue as they existed prior to the 1971 Act, to be provided by the appeal procedure against expulsion from a union, presided over by an independent legally qualified chairman, to be established by the TUC.

We believe that this voluntary system, with all the influence it may exert over the conduct of individual unions, can provide better protection for the individual, particularly for the individual trade unionist who seeks reinstatement in his union or his job, than an elaborate legal machinery commanding less confidence in the trade union movement itself and tainted from the start, alas, by 1971 legislation memories. We believe the new TUC proposal should be given a fair trial.

If it succeeds, it will have contributed a new strand to the great libertarian tradition which runs through British trade unionism. If it fails, other protections will have to be sought, but it is surely in the interests of freedom that the experiment should be encouraged and not damned from the start by fainthearts or by those who at heart bitterly detest any independent trade unionism worth the name.

However, Sir, here certainly is a most legitimate topic for debate and here is the line of demarcation to which the intelligent discussion of the past four years have led us—how can the individual best be protected within the enlarged freedom for trade unionism which our legislation secures? For those on one side of this debate to denounce those on the other as fascists is to debase the language of politics.

Yours, etc,
MICHAEL FOOT,
8 St James's Square, SW1.
December 5.

From Mr Fritz Strempel

Sir, This indeed seems like the time for a decided stand on behalf of those British individual liberty traditions which still entitle your country to respect by many others. Though the general quality of Fleet Street is self-evident, I would not have believed that my British colleagues might decide on such an unbudging eloquence and clearness as shown in the leader articles, "Is Mr Foot a Fascist?" and "Is *The Times* like Dr Goebbels?".

My apologies.
Yours faithfully,
FRITZ STREMPEL, Journalist,
92 Viney Bank,
Croydon Forestdale,
Surrey.
December 4.

From Mr James A. Crawford

Sir,—Name calling may irritate Mr Foot, but it won't cure him of Fascism. I made that discovery when he became Secretary of State for Employment and his department offered me only complete poverty unless I returned to my union-dominated employer and agreed to work outwith my craft trade (I am a member of no trade union).

It may be observed that I had three choices:

(1) Perish from starvation.
(2) Join a trade union.
(3) Accept employment as an unskilled worker.

I stood down from employment for a fortnight, but in the end was forced to pick up the unskilled and degrading work I had before refused.

Of course I am lucky. Supposing Mr Foot had been a communist!

Yours faithfully,
JAMES CRAWFORD,
7 Bishopswood Road,
Tadley,
Hampshire.
December 4.

From Mr Len Richardson

Sir, How does the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, and the proposed 1975 amendment; the Ferrybridge Power Station case and Mr Foot's letter square with Article 20 Paragraph 2 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states: "No one may be compelled to belong to an association"?

Yours faithfully,
LEN RICHARDSON,
Flat 21,
125 Park Road, NW8.
December 4.

Role of Committee of Privileges

From Mr Michael Ivens

Sir, Your article today (December 4) on the possible punishment of members of *The Economist* once again raises the whole question of the role of the Committee of Privileges. Having been involved with this committee last year, when the Speaker referred a complaint by Mr Benn against Aims to the Committee of Privileges, I would like to make some comments arising from this interesting experience.

In our case, we were litigating against a minister on the grounds that he had used defamatory words in a speech in Bristol. When Mr Benn complained that we were taking this action because of something he said in the House of Commons, the Speaker ruled that this was a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege and should be referred to the Committee of Privileges. This brought our legal action to a standstill without our being consulted in any way.

I was due to appear with Mr Benn before the committee when the advent of the general election led to its postponement. Subsequently neither the Leader of the House nor Mr Benn showed any great anxiety to refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges in the ensuing Parliament, and we had to take the somewhat unusual course of telling Mr Benn that we would continue with our legal action unless he referred us to the committee.

If we had been found guilty, the present rules would have meant that either an apology would have been called for or (and this would have been very unlikely) I or some other member of Aims would presumably be committed to prison. As we certainly would not have apologized, the latter course would have been the only one open.

The fact that the Committee of Privileges found for us and against Mr Benn in no way made me happy about the proceedings. First, we were asked to send a manuscript of a booklet on Mr Benn, before it had been cleared by our solicitors, to the committee. As I considered this had no bearing on the case I refused and the matter dropped.

Secondly, we found a great nervousness by the media in dealing with the fact that we had won our case against Mr Benn, and it received very little mention. If we had been found guilty I have no doubt at all that, as in the case of *The Economist*, a great deal of publicity would have ensued.

My conclusion from this experience was that it is very undesirable that representatives of Parliament should act as judge and jury in considering cases against one of themselves. Where matters of imprisonment or possible fining are concerned, this ought to be in the hands of uninvolved judges rather than members of the parliamentary "club".

It is clearly dangerous for Parliament to be able to take punitive action against those who stand up to ministers or its members, and decisions of justice should be left to those who are not involved in the proceedings.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS,
Director, Aims for Freedom and Enterprise,
5 Plough Place,
Fetter Lane, EC4.
December 4.

An Iraqi advertisement

From Mr Mordekhai Raveh

Sir, On December 4 *The Times* published an advertisement by the Iraqi Embassy inviting Jews who had left Iraq to return. The following facts may help to explain why the Jews left in the first place.

In 1935 Iraqi Jews were removed from Government service; many were forbidden to travel to Palestine. In 1936 ten Jews were killed in Arab riots in Baghdad and Basra; in the same year the teaching of Hebrew was prohibited.

In 1947 Jewish children were barred from Government schools. In August, 1948, Zionism was declared a crime; a sum of 250,000 Iraqi dinars was levied from the Jewish community as a contribution to the Iraqi war effort against Israel. During that year many Jews were imprisoned and some were hanged.

On March 10, 1950, the property of Jews leaving for Israel was confiscated by official decree, and all emigrants' bank accounts were seized by the Government. On February 25, 1958, the Jewish Community Status was abolished. All communal property, including schools and hospitals was sequestrated by the Government.

On January 9, 1969, nine Jews were hanged for "Zionist" activities, their bodies set to swing from gibbets erected in Baghdad's Revolution Square. In August, 1969, two more Jews were hanged; two were killed in September and four in November.

In October, 1972, many Jews were arrested. Sixteen disappeared without trace. Over twenty were murdered. In April, 1973, a family of five Jews were murdered in their home.

Since then, the remnant of the Iraqi Jewish community has been living in conditions of great hardship and in constant fear. It is unlikely that many Jewish refugees from Iraq will accept President al-Bakr's offer.

Yours faithfully,
MORDEKHAI RAVEH, Academic Representative, Israel Universities Study Group for Middle Eastern Affairs,
40 Knighton Drive,
Leicester.
December 4.

From Mr S. M. Goldman

Sir, I read with some astonishment the advertisement by the Republic of Iraq in your issue of December 4 and on turning to another national daily I noticed that there was no blank space in the middle. I fully appreciate your Editor's desire to remove from the advert much of what would be offensive to many readers but in so doing you removed the substantive lie, leaving a totally misleading and platitudinous statement. The advertisement as it appears is in the best traditions of the Goebbels "school of public information", namely repeat or print a half truth or lie enough times and people will eventually believe it.

The Iraqi Embassy have fully displayed their cynicism by listing at the foot of the advert in the other morning newspaper their press office rather than their consulate to which an Iraqi Jew would have to apply for a visa to return.

Yours faithfully,
S. M. GOLDMAN,
2 Atherton Road,
Clayhall, Ilford,
Essex.
December 4.

The postal service

From Mr John Stonehouse, Labour and Cooperative MP for Walsall, North

Sir, Mr Tom Jackson has made an unwarranted and ill-considered attack on the Post Office Corporation in your columns today (December 4). It is hypocritical of him, of all people, to complain about the undoubted deterioration in the postal services.

When, as the last Postmaster General, I introduced the Bill to turn the GPO into the Post Office Corporation there was a great hope that the service could be made fully commercial and competitive. Those hopes have not been realized partly because of management weakness but mainly because of the consistently hostile attitude of the union, which Mr Jackson leads, to proposals to cut out the restrictive practices and the overmanning which have been such a burden on the service.

In particular Mr Jackson has dragged his feet on the employment of part-time sorters—to deal with the peaking problem—has sabotaged the widespread introduction of the Automatic Letter Facers (ALF), so making a nonsense of the postcode system, and has made it extremely difficult to achieve a proper deployment of labour—particularly in London. He has also failed to prevent unofficial strikes which have caused many postal service users to lose faith in the Post Office and make other arrangements.

The cost of posting a first class letter has increased by over 300 per cent since the two-tier service was first introduced and yet the deficit of the postal service continues to increase to astronomical levels. Much of that deficit is accounted for by the increased wages paid to Mr Jackson's members.

If Mr Jackson wants them to have employment in the long term he should turn his undoubted talents to improving the efficiency of the Post Office so that the British people do not reach a point of complete exasperation with the public service which once had their greatest affection.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN STONEHOUSE,
House of Commons.

Tribute to the police

From Mr John Tucker and others

Sir,—May we, parents of the children killed in the recent air crash at Dunsfold, express through your columns our admiration and gratitude for the way in which the members of the Surrey and West Sussex Constabulary conducted themselves throughout the tragedy.

The compassion, humanity, tact and understanding which all ranks displayed was a source of strength to us and should, we feel, be publicly acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TUCKER,
JOHN ONSLOW,
JOHN LEAKEY,
LESLIE WHITTINGTON.
Mellow,
Loxwood,
West Sussex.
December 2.

Small airports in fog

From Mr M. Davis

Sir, May I suggest that in future every small airport flies a small vivid orange balloon, say at 500ft? The "string" could be very thin, just sufficient to hold a balloon say 3ft in diameter, all of which would be disposable and if damaged another balloon could be in position in a few minutes, the "string" would not cause damage if cut by an aircraft.

Any small aircraft could then see this balloon above the fog and know that it is 500ft above the centre of the airport.

Yours faithfully,
M. DAVIS,
12 Church Hill,
Purley,
Surrey,
December 1.

The Queen's Jubilee

From Mr Ian Royston

Sir, Since there would seem to be a certain awakening of interest in the Queen's Jubilee in 1977 may I suggest that British Rail may be persuaded to reintroduce the "Silver Jubilee".

It will be remembered by many that the London & North Eastern Railway introduced a train of the same name in 1935 on the East Coast Mainline. Since I understand British Rail propose to introduce their High Speed Train on this route in 1977 would it not be a most opportune moment to reintroduce this train along with the revised schedule.

A few new trains in silver livery would be a welcome change from the present blue and grey.

Yours faithfully,
IAN ROYSTON,
1 Sydenham Terrace,
Sunderland.
November 27.

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ation of events has saddened our European counterparts and will cause irreparable damage to our credibility and prestige in Europe, at a time when Britain is just beginning to establish a firm and committed presence in the field of European youth work.

As representatives of voluntary youth agencies we are especially concerned that young people in Britain will be deprived of the opportunity to participate in events in Europe which can only serve to continue British isolation.

Yours faithfully,
TOM SHEBBEARE,
Secretary General,
British Youth Council;
MICHAEL BUTTERFIELD,
Chief Executive,
National Association of Youth Clubs;
JOHN EWEN, Director,
National Youth Bureau;
KEN STEVENS,
Chief Executive Commissioner,
The Scout Association.

Devolution

From Mr Theo Wallace

Sir, In announcing its devolution proposals, the Government has stated that the number of members of Parliament for Scotland and Wales would remain unchanged.

I wonder how many people realize to what an extent Scotland and Wales are overrepresented today at Westminster. Last October just over 40 million electors were entitled to vote in 635 United Kingdom constituencies. If all seats had been the same size numerically, England would have 12 more members and Northern Ireland four more, whereas Wales would have four fewer and Scotland 12 fewer. The average electorate in Scotland was 51,900 as against 64,600 in England.

In view of the inaccessibility of parts of the Highlands and the islands, it may well be necessary for Scotland to have two or three extra seats to keep constituencies to a manageable geographical size. That, however, is no reason why Glasgow should have 13 seats as against the nine it would have on an equal UK electoral quota. When it is realized that Labour hold all four seats in Glasgow with electorates under 40,000 one can understand the reluctance of the present Government to put matters right. However, if Labour are to perpetuate a system which is blatantly unfair to England and Northern Ireland voters, let us have less talk about democracy, popular will and mandates.

Finally, I have been unable to find any legal or constitutional reason why Scotland and Wales should continue to be so overrepresented. Section 6 of the Union with Scotland Act 1706, the final Act of the Scottish Parliament and Article 22 of the Treaty of Union provided that Scotland should have 45 members of the House of Commons, today she has 71.

Yours sincerely,
THEO WALLACE,
5 Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
December 1.

Listed buildings

From Mr Christopher Booker and Mr Bennie Gray

Sir, Some of the leaders of Britain's architectural profession are up in arms (letter, November 29) because Mr Crosland has forbidden one of their colleagues to pull down some agreeable listed buildings facing Kensington Gardens, and to replace them with a metal and concrete lump. They go on to suggest that by prohibiting the demolition of listed buildings Mr Crosland is preventing our modern architects from doing their best work.

What sort of a dreamworld is this? Listed buildings cover less than 1 per cent of the entire land area of Greater London. Are these distinguished men, in their hurt and pride, seriously suggesting that they cannot create their masterpieces without pulling down that comparative handful of older buildings which have been officially recommended for protection? Our architects have all the remaining 99 per cent of London's land area to play with (give or take the odd park or bit of water). If they wish, there are more than one and a half million unlisted buildings for them to pull down.

Those of us who are familiar with the designs of one or two of the eminent signatories (such as Mr Goldfinger's work at the Elephant and Castle, or Sir Frederick Gibberd's new Arundel Court in the Strand—which incidentally replaced one of London's corners of indisputable architectural individuality) might well have suggestions as to where they could start. But please let them not be hurt that the Secretary of State has merely carried out his duty by enforcing the principles behind the listing legislation—and that into the bargain he has saved for the rest of us a small group of buildings of considerable charm and character.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOOKER,
BENNIE GRAY,
5 Barrett Street, W1.
December 1.

The best cooks

From Mrs A. Rhys-Williams

Sir, Could Sir Kenneth Corley (*The Times*, December 3) provide a short list of famous chefs who never learned to cook? Are we to believe that they operate entirely on common sense plus natural (untutored) excellence?

Yours truly,
A. RHYS-WILLIAMS,
35 Dorset Road,
Forest Gate, E7

252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. ... Withdrawals of amounts ... month. (10) Valued monthly.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 5: Mr J. E. Powell-Jones was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Dakar.

Mrs Powell-Jones had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Robert Bernard Mbaya was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Malawi in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to The Queen: Mr Raphael H. Banda (First Secretary), Mr George A. Kazembe (Second Secretary), Mr Moffat A. Dembo (Second Secretary), Mr Maweya V. Phiri (Second Secretary) and Mr Matthew Mtonya (Administrative Attache).

Mrs Mbaya had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Justice Pain had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when The Queen conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

The Queen this afternoon visited the Royal British Legion Village at Maidstone to mark its 50th Anniversary.

Having been received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (the Lord Astor of Hever), the National President of the Royal British Legion (General Sir Charles Jones) and the National Chairman and Chairman of the Royal British Legion Industries (Mr Charles Busby), The Queen toured the Village and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Philip Moore, Air Vice-Marshal Brian Stanbridge and Major Henry Hugh Smith were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh left Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, this afternoon to visit the restored Old Gaol at Abingdon.

Having been received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir John Thomson), His Royal Highness toured the Old Gaol, unveiled a commemorative plaque and subsequently left Royal Air Force Abingdon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Captain Ian Walden, RM, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited the Borders Regional Council's Old People's Home, Deanfield House, Hawick, and the Roxburgh District Council's Sheltered Housing Project at Deanfield.

Her Royal Highness later visited the Wilton Lodge Park Museum and Art Gallery.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick.

YORK HOUSE

December 5: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today took the Junior Graduation Parade at the Guards Depot, Pirbright.

Captain Peter Le Marchand was in attendance.

Action Research for the Crippled Child will present *Dear Lady Holland*, the letters of Sydney Smith and Lady Holland, at the Orangery, Holland Park, W8, on Monday, at 7.30 pm. The readers will be Miss Elizabeth Spriggs and Mr Richard Pasco.

Birthdays today

Mr Jack Ashley, MP, 53; Mr F. L. Chaplin, 70; Sir Cyril Dyson, 80; Sir Alexander Ewing, 79; Mr Denis Hamilton, 57; Sir William Keswick, 72; the Right Rev E. A. J. Mercer, 58; the Right Rev Dr R. C. Mortimer, 73; Professor Sir George Porter, 55; the Right Rev Ambrose Reeves, 76; Mr C. Washbrook, 61.

TOMORROW: Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, 69; Sir Terence Garvey, 60; Major-General R. E. Lloyd, 69.

University news

Oxford

NUFFIELD COLLEGE: Visiting fellowship, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry. Gwilym Gibbon research fellowship, for one year, K. Hossain, BCL, D Phil.

Wales

SWANSEA: Latest grants include: £12,071 from Agricultural Research Council for research into enzymic control of biotransformation of cellulose to sugars, by Dr G. Halliwell, department of botany and microbiology.

£11,720 from Science Research Council for research into stochastic models for mental disorders, by Professor A. G. Hawkes, department of statistics.

Heriot-Watt

Grant

£31,674 from Department of Health and Social Security, for one year, for continuing investigation into the sociology of prescribing under the direction of Dr A. W. Patterson, department of pharmacy.

Bradford

Grants:

£22,300 from the Department of Industry for investigation of the use of natural resources imported into UK, under Dr R. G. Coyle, system dynamics research group, management centre.

£15,696 from Social Science Research Council for study into dynamics of a natural resource company, under Dr R. G. Coyle.

The DESPERATELY LONELY BLIND

The Metropolitan Society for the Blind brings help, comfort and happiness by regular and frequent visits to blind people, many of whom are only and virtually alone in the world.

Other activities include provision of Homes for the very elderly blind, distribution and maintenance of radio sets and grants to meet special needs in times of great difficulty.

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Violence and religious reconciliation in Northern Ireland

By R. P. C. Hanson
Professor of Theology,
University of Manchester

The obituaries published at the recent death of Eamon de Valera all omitted one interesting fact. When he had abandoned armed resistance to the government of the Irish Free State and, taking to constitutional politics, had been returned as the head of the government of that country himself, he found that there were on his left wing members of the IRA who offered armed resistance to his government. He passed special laws to deal with them, set up special courts to try them and went to the length of executing some of them by firing squad.

He succeeded in putting down political violence for some time by these measures, and there is a lesson here for penologists. But he did not, of course, remove the recourse to the gun from Irish politics. Irish independence had been gained by political murder; de Valera himself had used it freely in earlier days. Political murder has been glorified in the annals of Irish nationalism. It appears to be endemic in Irish society. At the moment the tradition of political murder is enjoying a carnival in the North of Ireland. Never has death been so irresponsibly inflicted, even in the bloody history of Ireland. Never has the individual patriot or fanatic or terrorist taken the law so ruthlessly into his own hands than in the Ireland of today.

The extraordinary thing is that, judging by the statistics, Ireland is by far the most religious country in Europe. A far greater percentage of Catholics attend Mass there than in any country in Europe, perhaps in the world. Even among the Protestants, church-going and the financial support of the churches is, in proportion to their total numbers, hugely greater than in England, greater perhaps than in most of the countries of Europe.

What are Christians to make of this? Irish Christians are rather proud of it. They tend to want to take credit for the religious observance and to disown responsibility for the murders. But in fact this is an irresponsible attitude to take. Christian traditions of all hues (with the honourable exception of the Unitarians) have been in the past and still are deeply involved in the disastrous conflict within society in Northern Ireland, and Christians in the Republic cannot completely disavow responsibility either.

Religious rivalry and religious hatred have in the past stoked the fires of conflict in Ireland, and still are doing so. What is desperately needed is a large-scale common acknowledgment of guilt in contributing to and feeding hatred and division in Ireland by Christians of every denomination in Northern Ireland, and a resolute determination to seek religious reconciliation at all costs. There are signs that the leaders of the main denominations are aware of this, but almost none at all that this awareness has percolated down to the level of the ordinary Christian—quite the contrary.

But what are the Christians in Great Britain to make of this situation of intense hatred living alongside intense religiousness? There are very few things which they can actually do, but there are some lessons which they (and others as well) can learn from the situation. First they can learn that running away from a serious political or social problem not only does not solve it but in the end exacerbates it. The British Government in 1914 used the threat of violence by Ulster politicians (and churchmen) supported by the Tory opposition and the outbreak of the First World War as an excuse for shelving the Irish question and ignoring the promise of Home Rule which it had made to the people of Ireland. The result was that the people of Ireland took to the gun, and the gun has since then never been far from Irish politics.

The second lesson is that violence in politics pays in the short term but is disastrous in the long run, even to its users. It is easy to use violence. It is appallingly difficult to get rid of it. In the present troubles in Northern Ireland the IRA were the first to use the weapon of political murder. They have now reached the point of murdering each other freely. You begin to use violence on the purest and noblest principles; you end with child murder.

The third and perhaps the most important lesson is the vital necessity of religion being self-critical. The reason why the different versions of Christianity in Northern Ireland are today the helpless captives of political ideology is because critical religion, reflecting religion, religion appealing to the intellect and not only to the emotions, has been almost unknown there. In consequence both Catholicism and Protestanism have fallen an easy prey to political ideologies. Critical religion, therefore, which is constantly advocated in these columns (not always to the satisfaction of their readers), is not only a fad for intellectuals. It is a necessity for honest Christianity, for a Christianity which can stand on its own feet and judge political claims and causes instead of falling a victim to them.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. R. Davies and Miss A. Brayton

The engagement is announced between David Robert, only son of Professor and Mrs D. D. Davies, of Cringleford, Norfolk, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roswell Brayton, of Woolrich, Pennsylvania and Westport, Massachusetts.

Captain W. T. R. Thackwell, RE, and Miss J. E. Day, WRAC.

The engagement is announced between Captain William Talbot Roche Thackwell, RE, only son of Brigadier D. E. O. Thackwell, CBE, and Mrs Thackwell, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, and Lieutenant Joanna Elizabeth Day, WRAC, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Day, of Thickets, Oxshott, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr R. Kelly and Miss A. M. Elliott

The marriage took place on November 17 in Lumberville, United States, between Mr Robert Kelly, son of Charles and Barbara Kelly, of Philadelphia, and Miss Alice Mary Elliott, daughter of Michael and Christine Elliott, of Tollesbury, Essex.

Latest appointments

Mr T. H. Caulcott, a senior civil servant in the Department of the Environment, has been recommended to succeed Mr Robin McCall as secretary of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Other appointment:

Mr Christopher Greenwood, Magdalene College, to be president of the Cambridge Union Society and Mr David Johnson, Selwyn College, to be vice-president.

Because of an error by the Inner Temple the name of Mr P. M. Murray, QC, was given yesterday as a Master of the Bench instead of that of Mr P. M. Taylor, QC.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich

Rear-Admiral D. W. Bazalgette, Admiral President, took the salute at the passing-out parade at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, yesterday of the following newly promoted probationary third officers in the Women's Royal Naval Service:

Elisabeth S. J. Davis, BA (top cadet), Alberni Dist Sec S, Victoria Univ, Brit Columbia; Julie S. Friars, BA, Annan Acad, Strathclyde Univ; Jane E. Conning, Lutterworth GS, Coventry Tech Coll; Mary V. Rafferty, St Thomas Aquinas Sec S, Craiglockhart Coll of Ed, Edinburgh; Elizabeth J. Evans, Lichfield Friary Grange Comp S; Irene J. Golding, LL.B. Hons, Bassaleg GS, Newport High S, Exeter Univ; Dilys E. Bell, Winchester City HS, Bournemouth Coll of Tech; Lindsey Berryman, Central Newcastle HS, South Shields Marine and Tech Coll; Sally A. Kingstone, Nottingham HS; Janet A. Newing, Andover Sec Girls S, Salisbury Tech Coll; Mary E. Taylor, Brunepark City HS, Brighton and Hove HS, Tuss Springs Secretarial Coll, Winchester.

Latest wills

A home for old people

Mrs Amelia Charlton Lonsdale, of Carlisle, left £263,027 net. After personal bequests, she left her home, Rose Hill, to her trustee to provide "a home for gentle folk and old people of limited means" and the balance of her property to be used for maintenance of the home.

Miss *Dorothy Gertrude Pond*, of Worthing, Sussex, left £157,188 net. After personal bequests totalling £48,500, she left the residue equally between the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Oxfam, Dr Barnardo's and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Other estates include (net, before *duty paid; duty on some estates* not disclosed):

Galliers-Pratt, Mr George Kenneth, of Alderbury, Wiltshire (duty paid, £146,410) £348,743

Hogben, Professor Lancelot Thomas, of Glyn Ceiriog, Clwyd, the scientist and writer .. £19,981



Bust of diver: A bust by Mr Norman Pierce (above) of Mr Bill Walker, a diver, who descended into water-filled shafts beneath Winchester Cathedral in 1906 to shore up slipping foundations, went on show yesterday at the Mall Gallery, in London. Mr Walker's sons had complained that an earlier bust lacked the walrus moustache.

Luncheons

Corporation of London

Mr Deputy Wallis G. G. Hunt, the Chief Commoner, was host at a luncheon yesterday at Guildhall. Among those present were:

Colonel Sir Cullum Welch, Sir Lionel Denny, Sir Kingsley Collett, Mr Deputy S. R. Walker, Mr Deputy R. J. Hayward, Mr Deputy Cyril Lewis, Mr A. J. B. Rutherford, Mr S. E. Cohen, Mr Deputy D. L. Clackson, Mr Deputy R. W. Peacock, Mr G. M. Vine, Mr Deputy L. B. Prince, Mr C. H. F. Fairweather, Mr N. L. Hall and Mr J. T. Yates.

Parish Clerks' Company

After the St Nicholas Day festival of Holy Communion sung in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, the master (Alderman A. S. Lamboll) and wardens of the Parish Clerks' Company entertained the brethren and their ladies in HQS Wellington at a buffet luncheon.

Reception

Royal Society

A reception was held last night at the house of the Royal Society of Arts, Adelphi, to mark the retirement of Mr Joseph Samson, assistant secretary, after 50 years' service.

A letter of congratulation was received from the Duke of Edinburgh, president of the society, and presentations were made by Lord Nathan, chairman, and Mr Keith Grant, secretary, on behalf of the council and staff respectively.

Dinner

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Kenneth Cork and Mrs Cork, were present at a livery dinner given by the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company yesterday evening at the Mansion House. Mr Leslie R. S. Cork, master, accompanied by Mrs Cork, presided. He was assisted by the wardens who were with their ladies. Among others present were:

The South African Ambassador and Mrs de Wet, Mr Justice and Alderman Lady Donaldson, Sir David Hirst, QC, and Mrs Hirst, Mr P. A. Ramsayer, and the masters of the Innholders', Coopers' and Pattenmakers' Companies and their ladies.

Service dinners

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

Past and present officers of the 1st Regiment (The Chestnut Troop, B, E and HQ Batteries) Royal Horse Artillery held their annual reunion dinner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, last night. Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker, Master Gunner St James's Park, was the guest of honour and the guests included the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and the Lord Mayor of Sheffield. Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Learmont was in the chair.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Members of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Officers Club held their annual dinner last night at the Headquarters Officers' Mess, Deepcut, Camberley. Major-General R. B. Darkin, president, was in the chair, and Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson was the principal guest. The other guests were General Sir William Jackson, Major-General W. F. Cooper, W. G. H. Beach, and D. B. Wood and representatives of Commonwealth allied corps.

Honourable Artillery Company

Members and guests of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club dined last night at Armoury House. The president of the club, Major B. L. Barber, presided and the other speakers were Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, Major P. C. F. Pettit and Mr Paul Osmond. The guests included Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter and Major-General P. J. N. Ward.

Liverpool Royal Artillery

Brigadier Sir Douglas Crawford presided at the annual St Barbara's Day dinner of the Liverpool Royal Artillery Officers' Club held in the Aigburth mess of The Lancashire Artillery Volunteers, Liverpool, last night. The principal guests included Major-General P. J. Glover, Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery, Major-General K. J. McQueen, GOC North West district, and Colonels H. G. McClellan and F. Masters.

Church news

Appointments:

The Rev W. J. F. Grigg, curate at St Stephen-by-Saltash, to be team vicar of Redruth, diocese of Truro.

The Rev P. M. Lucy, Rector of All Saints', Stand, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar of Wragby, diocese of Lincoln, and stewardship adviser for the diocese.

The Rev L. A. Marsh, Vicar of Shedfield, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar of Fen Ditton, diocese of Ely.

Diocese of Chichester

The Rev M. A. Cochrane, curate of Horsham, to be Vicar of St Richard's, Aldwick.

The Rev Dr I. R. Phelps, team vicar, The Resurrection, Brighton, to be Vicar of The Ascension, Peacehaven.

Diocese of Coventry

Canon E. L. Paine, priest-in-charge of Lighthorne with Chesterton and Rural Dean of Dassett Magna, to be also priest-in-charge of Moreton Morrell with Newbold Pacey.

The Rev R. P. Jones, Vicar of Wolston, to be Rural Dean of Dunchurch.

Diocese of Derby

The Rev C. J. W. Lee, priest-in-charge of Stanton-by-Dale with Dale Abbey and adviser to the Bishop of Derby on industrial relations for the Ilkeston area, to be Vicar of St John's, Ilkeston.

The Rev F. J. Willcox, to be Vicar of St Andrew's with St Osmund's, Derby, to be chairman of the Litchurch group ministry.

Diocese of Manchester

The Rev I. B. Cook, curate of St Paul's, Oldham, to be curate-in-charge of St Wilfred's and St Anne's, Newton Heath, and a member of the industrial mission team.

The Rev C. Judd, CMS area secretary for Wakefield and Bradford dioceses, to be also secretary for the Manchester diocese.

The Rev G. Thomson, curate of St Paul's, Newbarns with Hawcoat, Barrow-in-Furness, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Wingates, Westhoughton.

Diocese of Norwich

The Rev D. J. Hurt, Vicar of St Peter's, Brockley, diocese of Southwark, to be Rector of Litcham with Kempston with East and West Lexham.

The Rev P. M. Ryles, Rural Dean of Samburu, diocese of Nakuru, Kenya, to be Vicar of St John the Evangelist, King's Lynn.

Diocese of Sheffield

The Rev A. N. Attwood, curate of St Peter's, Greenhill, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Elsecar.

The Rev A. K. Tuckel, Vicar of Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield, to be Vicar of All Saints', Totley, Sheffield.

The Rev J. R. Smith, Vicar of Christ Church, Burton-on-Trent, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of St Mary's, Doncaster.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev C. J. O. Bradley, Vicar of Havering-atte-Bower, diocese of Chelmsford, on June 30, 1976.

Canon H. Matthews has resigned as non-residentiary canon at St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, and has been appointed canon emeritus.

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opens new bandroom of the Egham Band, 5.30.

"Wings of the Eagle", a German aviation exhibition, Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, 10-6.

Exhibition: The Real Thing, an anthology of British photographs 1840-1950, Bristol City Art Gallery, 10-5.30.

Charles Lamb Society talk: "All on the make?" by Miss Stella Pigrome, Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, 2.45.

Lecture on Turner, National Gallery, 12.

London walk: A royal village, Kensington, meet Kensington High Street Underground station, 2.

Tomorrow

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a variety show given in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund, Victoria Palace, 7.25.

Exhibition: Delaroche and Gautier, National Gallery, 2-6.

Exhibition: Turner watercolours, prints and drawings, British Museum, 2.30-6.

Second World War aircraft exhibition, Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.

Christmas concert, Great Hall, Goldsmiths' College, SE14, 4.

City walk: "Great Fire of London walk", meet Monument, 3.

Wells Cathedral appeal to save the west front

From Trevor Fishlock
Wells

An appeal is to be launched next year for money to save the magnificently carved west front of Wells Cathedral. Surveys have shown that the medieval statuary and carvings are badly decayed.

"If we do not act soon, a great international treasure will become a mass of decayed, crumbling and shapeless stone", the Dean, the Very Rev Patrick Mitchell, said yesterday.

The west front is recognized as the finest in Britain. In Europe only the cathedrals at Chartres, Rheims and Amiens can match it. The cathedral was started in the early part of the thirteenth century and craftsmen made about five hundred statues in local stone, of which 338 survive.

Many have lost limbs, faces and heads. But, when viewed from a distance, as the medieval artists intended that it should be, the west front still has great beauty.

Mr Linzee Colchester, an historian of Wells Cathedral, said that there was alarm recently when a close examination of statues of 15 apostles showed they were in a state of collapse. Pieces had been falling, but the statues had been made safe for at least seven years.

Because estimates are still being made, the extent of the appeal, to be launched next autumn, has not been decided. The Dean said that at least £1m will have to be raised. "It will be an international appeal because the west front is one of the treasures of the world."

The Dean emphasized that the structure of the cathedral was sound. "But the west front is being affected by accelerating decay. We could not contemplate restoring every lost finger and face.

"The intention is to arrest decay, to preserve what we have. There is no certain method of preserving stonework of this kind, but new techniques are being tried all the time, and we shall be using the best of them."

Dylan Thomas love letters fail to find a buyer

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A remarkable series of love letters sent by Dylan Thomas to his wife, Caitlin, failed to find a buyer at Sotheby's yesterday and were bought in on behalf of Mrs Thomas at £2,200. The 32 letters, written on the back of any old scraps of paper in pencil, ball-point and pen, are intimate, tender and full of original imagery. But although the sale had aroused widespread interest no one was prepared to pay the £8,000-£10,000 which Sotheby's had estimated.

The copyright is likely to have put potential purchasers off; while ownership of the letters, hitherto unpublished, would have passed to a successful bidder, the copyright remained with Dylan Thomas's trustees.

The two-day sale of modern printed books and manuscripts at Sotheby's Chancery Lane sale room made a total of £27,968 of which £3,609 failed to sell, including the Thomas letters. Prices for modern printed books proved exceptionally strong; a first edition of Ezra Pound's *Cantos 17-27*, one of 70 copies on Roma paper published in 1928, made £561 with premium (estimate £350-£450) and a collection of 171 works by Dennis Wheatley, including several first editions and presentation copies, made £264 (estimate £20-30).

At Sotheby's in Bond Street a furniture sale made £94,464 with 10 per cent unsold. There were a number of outstanding prices once again among the carpets; a Kashan silk rug (6ft 4in by 4ft 8in) with a tree of life pattern on a dark blue field made £7,480 (estimate £2,000-£4,000) and a Herez prayer rug with a pattern of columns and floral scrolls £5,280 (estimate £4,000-£5,000).

Continental furniture also sold well, with a Dutch marquetry display cabinet at £4,620 (estimate £1,000-£2,000).

In New York on Thursday a new auction record was established for any animalier bronze when a group of three jockeys taking the jump by Isidore Bonheur sold for $17,500 (estimate $8,000-$12,000) or £8,600. Isidore was the brother of Rosa Bonheur, the highly successful French nineteenth-century animal painter. The sale of animalier bronzes, from the estate of Mrs Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge, made £100,479 with no unsold lots, well beyond expectations.

Parke Bernet also sold old master paintings, from the estate of Mrs Charles E. Dunlap, which made £412,543 with only three lots unsold. A delicious Dutch interior entitled "Lady feeding a parrot", by Frans van Mieris the Elder, made $155,000 (estimate $70,000-$100,000) or £76,167.

Otherwise the strength of the sale lay in the French eighteenth-century paintings, usually a difficult market, which attracted intensive bidding. "A Bivouac", by Watteau made $75,000 (estimate $70,000-$100,000) or £36,865, a tiny Fragonard oil sketch (6¼in by 4¾in) of a mother and child made $55,000 (estimate $12,000-$18,000) or £27,027, and the same price (estimate $20,000-$30,000) was paid for Watteau's tiny (8in by 9¾in) group of children, "Heureux Age, Age d'Or."

Christie's held yesterday the last Impressionist and modern picture sale of the week. Their three sales have totalled £2.8m, with 36 per cent unsold. Yesterday's sale added £73,017 (21 per cent unsold). The top price was £3,234 (estimate £700-£1,000) for an Alfred Stevens oil sketch, "Portrait de Femme."

Science report

Medicine: Disease returns

Marburg disease, whose reappearance was reported in *The Times* on November 22, is one of a group of dangerous tropical virus diseases that can be carried by animals and possibly insects. It is suggested in the *British Medical Journal* for November 29 that the Marburg virus, which was originally spread to man from laboratory monkeys, may be carried by mosquitoes.

The death rate is not high: of the 31 people who became infected in the original outbreak in Marburg, Germany, only seven died. None the less the haemorrhagic fevers of tropical Africa and South America, of which Lassa fever is perhaps the best known, rank among the most difficult to treat. One difficulty lies in making a quick diagnosis. The early symptoms resemble those of several other tropical diseases, such as yellow fever; in this case both plague and the very similar Lassa fever were suspected.

Antibiotics are useless against viral diseases and specific antisera are in short supply. If the disease is not recognized and strict barrier nursing conditions are not implemented, doctors and nurses attending the patient run a high risk of infection. The laboratory staff who examine tissue specimens for diagnosis are also in danger because infected blood and tissue are two of the main routes of infection.

Treatment is largely empirical; in the milder cases assuaging the symptoms and skilful nursing seem sufficient. Only two laboratories in the world have the facilities for studying the viruses safely. One is the Microbiological Research Establishment at Porton in England, which helped to isolate and identify Marburg virus in the 1967 outbreak; the other is the Communicable Diseases Centre at Atlanta, Georgia, where the 1975 Marburg virus was finally identified unequivocally 17 days after the first patient had been admitted to hospital.

As that is the first naturally occurring case of the disease, it will be of great interest to doctors attempting to delineate the areas of Africa where the disease may be endemic. It is probable that the young Australian contracted the disease in Rhodesia, although the only unusual incident he could remember was being bitten or stung by some unknown agent while sitting by the roadside. The vervet monkey is the only known host of the virus, but it may well be present in other animals.

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From The Times of Wednesday, December 6, 1950

Asquith memorial

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr Churchill will unveil at noon today the statue of the first Earl of Oxford and Asquith which has been erected in the Members' Lobby of the new House of Commons. He is the only surviving member of the House who served in both Asquith's Administrations.

In accordance with the rule that no statesman shall be so commemorated in the Palace of Westminster until 10 years after his death, the Asquith memorial was authorized by a resolution of the House of Commons in 1938. Its completion was delayed by the war.

Services tomorrow: Second Sunday in Advent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Rev R. C. O. Goodchild, Ben and Jub (Purcell in B flat); 11.30, Wait (Missa brevis), Int Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes); 3.15, Rev Douglas Webster, Mag and ND, Amner (Caesar's Service), A, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Dyson in D), Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), Rev Christopher Hildyard; HC 11.40; E, 3 (Blow in G), Zion hears her watchmen's voices (Bach), Rev J. A. Baker; E, 6.30, Rev Neil Collings.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Wood in Phrygian Mode), A, Teach me thy way (Humfrey), Rev John Hester; 3, Choral Evening Prayer (Coole in G), A, Ave Maria (Stravinsky), Canon Peter Pelwarden.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC 8.30 and M 11.15, O Lord, increase our faith (Gibbons), Canon C. E. Young.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC (Choral) 11.15 (Stanford in C), Rev R. [illegible].

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): HC, 8.30.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited): M, 11.30, Rev R. Tydeman.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, TD (Boyce in C), A, Behold the hour cometh (Tomkins), the Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD and Jub (Stanford in B flat), A, Zion hears her watchmen's voices (Bach), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service 11, A, Mine eyes for beauty pine (Howells), Rev A. V. Kingston.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; 11, Resident Chaplain (Wood in Phrygian mode), Benedictus qui venit (Palestrina); 3.30, Rev A. F. Heron (Weelkes, Short Service), Teach me, O Lord (Attwood).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11 Sung Eucharist (Jackson); Mot, (Mozart); E, 3.30 (Brewer), A, Wood.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: MP, 11, Rev M. Anderton.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30; HM, 11, Rev Arnold Klukas, Missa brevis (Palestrina); E and B, 6, Rev J. F. Poulton, Faux-bourdons by Byrd.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10, M, 11, Prebendary Harold Loasby; E, 6.30, Rev C. M. Dent.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8, 12.15 and 7.15, MP, 9; Family Communion, 11; Rev C. Patterson; E, 6, Rev M. Kemp.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 11, Choral Communion, Preb. George Chappell; 3, Bishop A. Ervine Swift; E, 6, Dr John Wilkinson.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway, WC; SE, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8, 5.30; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Remember, O thou man (Oldham), the Vicar; E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW - THE - GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; MP, 10.15, 11, Choral Eucharist (Byrd), A, Ave verum (Byrd) and E, 6.30, A, Prevent us, O Lord (Byrd), the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, HC, 8.30; M and HC, 11, Rev Dewi Morgan, Bob, Healey Willians; E, 6.30, Rev Wallace Boulton, Mag and ND (Darke in F), A, Sing joyfully (Byrd).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Byrd, 4 part), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot. Jesu, Flos Matris (Palestrina).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12, 7.30, MP, 11, Rev H. S. Goodwin; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev W. P. Baddeley; 11, Sung Eucharist, Father David Campbell; E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15 and 6.45, Canon D. L. Edwards; 11, Ben (Harris in A), A, O Thou, the central orb (Wood); 6, Int, Dormi Jesu (Rubbra), M and ND (Byrd, short), A, Ave Rex (Mathias).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: M, 11.15, Mr Norman Ingram-Smith; 6.30, the Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev H. L. O. Rees, MP, 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis, Hosanna (Gibbons); E, 6.30, Cantata, St Nicholas (Britten).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Rev Eric Abbott, Missa a quattuor vocibus (Byrd), Mot, Ave Maria (Victoria); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15; MP, 11, and E, 6, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 4; SE, 11, Rev Donald B. Harris.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, Rev R. K. Townley; 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ave Maria (Stravinsky), Rev D. B. Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11; EP, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8; HM, 11, Missa seraphica (Burgess), Rev Richard Hayes; E and B, 6, Rev Herbert Moore.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon French-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, Rev Paul S. Kirby.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Garden: HC, 11.15, ... Miller Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATH... 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and ... Missa Trahe me post ... Gaudent omnes (Praetorius) (Byrd).

THE ORATORY, SW... minor (Vaughan Williams) ... 3.30, Mot, O bone Jesu.

ASSUMPTION, Warwick ... 11 (Latin), Missa brevis ...

ST PATRICK'S, Soho ... 6 pm (Memorial Requiem ...) Moenan), Kromolicki.

CHURCH OF OUR L... Wood: SM (Latin) ... l'homme arme (Josquin) ... clusus (Ceballos).

THE JESUIT CHURCH ... LM, 7, 8, 9, 10 and ... and 7.30 pm; SM, 11 ... Jake.

REGENT SQUARE ... CHURCH (United Reformed) ... Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr ...

CENTRAL HALL, ... Dr M. Barnett; HC, 8 ...

KINGSWAY HALL ... Mission): 11 and 6.30 ...

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn ... Rev Bruce Stuart; 6.30 ... Meachin.

WESTMINSTER CH... ham Gate: 11 and ... Tucker.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL ... Martin's, Ludgate Hill ... Birtwhistle.

FRIENDS MEETING ... (Quakers), 52 St Martin's ...

OBITUARY

MR WENDELL PHILLI[PS]

Archaeologist and oil magn[ate]

Mr Wendell Phillips, archaeologist, explorer, author and a private oil concessionaire, died on Thursday after a heart attack in Arlington, Virginia. He was 54.

He attracted world-wide attention in 1952 when an archaeological party which he led into Yemen was forced from the country. The expedition sought to uncover the ancient capital of the Queen of Sheba at Marib.

The Government of Yemen later accused Phillips of smuggling a statue of the Queen from the country. Phillips denied the charges, describing his adventures in *Qataban and Sheba*, a book he published in 1955.

Phillips's largest treasure, however, was yet to come. He persuaded the Chrysler Corporation to give him specially built trucks for an expedition into Africa. Another firm gave 50,000 gallons of petrol. During the expedition Phillips met someone who advised him to concentrate his archaeological efforts in Arabia. That led Phillips to Sultan Said bin Taimur of Oman. They became friends and the Sultan appointed Phillips his economic adviser and director of antiquities.

He also gave him t... cession to an area ... India.

Phillips sold the ... for $1m and 2½ per ... realized profits.

His first expediti... 1950, when, in coope... the Library of Co... group microfilmed ... two million pages ... manuscripts at the ... of St Catherine on ... Peninsula.

Phillips continued ... and explore. During ... dition he was said ... cured sick children ... made a Shaikh in ... Harith tribe on th... peninsula. "Not even ... of Arabia was g... honour", he said in ... view earlier this year.

In 1972 he lectur... American Museum ... History in conjuncti... exhibition of treasur... unearthed on his ... expeditions.

Phillips was a 194... of the University of ... at Berkeley. He se... the United States ... Marine during th... World War but ... poliomyelitis.

JIMMY NERVO



Jimmy Nervo, remembered as a member of the Crazy Gang, died yesterday in a London hospital. He was 78 and had been ill for some time.

Nervo—real name James Holloway—was associated with the Gang from the 1930s with his friend Teddy Knox (real name Albert Edward Cromwell-Knox), who died a year ago, also aged 78.

Nervo's father was one of the Four Holloways, a circus acrobatic turn. His great grandfather had been a clown, so he was born to a life of buffoonery and balancing. One of his earliest memories was being given a reward of sixpence for his first somersault on a wire.

The comedy team of Nervo and Knox was born in 1918 when the two men met in a London Street. The partnership thrived and in 1937 they took out an insurance policy for £20,000 against having a tiff. Nervo suffered a series of fractures during the years of comic falling which delighted millions.

Chesney Allen, the partner of Bud Flanagan, stated in an interview in 1972 that it was Nervo and Knox who originated the Crazy Gang w... "Young Bloods of ... which introduced feat... as the interruptions ... from boxes and artist... round the auditoriu... a successful week at ... don Palladium, Geor... senior the impresario, ... for a "crazy mont... according to Mr Alle... then that Bud Flan... himself and Naugh... Gold joined the show.

It was not until 196... Crazy Gang gave their ... performance.

MR MAURICE OSTRER

Mr Maurice Ostrer, who died on December 3 at Cannes, was one of five London brothers who made their name in finance and in the British film industry. With his brothers Mark and Isidore—who died recently—he took over a film company in 1922 and from it sprang the Gaumont British Picture Corporation. It was many years later acquired by the Rank Organisation. In its heyday it controlled a very large chain of cinemas. Isidore was chairman of the corporation until 1941.

Maurice was for years executive producer of Gainsborough Pictures and among his productions were many well-liked British films including *Fanny by Gaslight; Love Story; 2,000 Women; Madonna of the Seven Moons; They were Sisters; A Place of Ones Own; Wicked Lady; Caravan*, and *The Magic Bow* in which were seen such stars at Margaret Lockwood, James Mason, Phyllis Calvert, Stewart Granger and Patricia Roc. At his death Maurice Ostrer was chairman of Illingworth, Morris and Company, Ltd.

DR HANNA[H] ARENDT

Dr Hannah Aren[dt] ... writer and political ... sopher, died on Thur[sday in] New York at the age ...

She was born in Ha[nover on] October 14, 1906, and ... at Marburg, Freiburg ... Heidelberg, where she ... doctorate of philosophy ... the advent of Nazism, ... to Paris, where she ... work among Jewish re... In 1940 she married ... historian Heinrich Bl... and went with him the fol... year to the United States ... died in 1970.

She was Research ... tor, Conference on ... Relations, 1944-46, and ... quently held important ... several American uni... Her published work ... earned her respect if not ... approval included: *The ... of Totalitarianism; The ... Condition; Between Past ... Future; On Violence;* an... *Burden of our Time. Eich... in Jerusalem* (1963), a st... the famous emotionally-c... trial, created a good deal ... troversy and caused ... indignation in Zionist c...

MR RONNIE HAWES

Mr David Norman writes:

The Rackets world will be greatly saddened by the death of Ronnie Hawes at the age of 64 on November 28. His life was entirely devoted to Rackets and as one of the truly great teachers of the strokes and sportsmanship of the game he gave immense enjoyment and won the widespread admiration of all who learnt from him.

As a young boy Ronnie acquired the skills and tradition of being a Rackets professional from his own distinguished father, Walter, who taught for 44 years at Wellington. Ronnie succeeded him in 1946 after serving in the RAF during the war, and then in 1953 he moved to Eton.

Over the next 15 years he coached so many winners of the public schools' singles and doubles Rackets championships that he seemed almost to have established a monopoly. His delightfully simple but classic technique of teaching produced a clearly identifiable school of players notable for their capacity and love for truly striking the ball. But it was his quiet modesty, his unending encouragement, his love of the game and his encyclopaedic memory for the names and initials of all who have tried their hand at it that most endeared him to his pupils.

SIR DALLA[S] BERNARD

C. F. K. and A. W. K. ...

Dallas Bernard was ... old when he became c... of Courtaulds, when p... his colleagues foll... period of several mon... ing which tension an... controversy had diver... from their primary ... professed to no unde... or knowledge of the ... or commercial peculi... the business but soon ... a calm domination th... common sense, his ... ing of people and his ... to support those he ... could trust. He depe... a degree of integrity ... ness on the part of ... leagues to equal his ... negotiation he show... shrewd and, as in h... with his colleagues ... judge situations on ... of his deep unders... people. He acted ... from a sense of ... situation in which he ... self, from which he ... soon as he felt ... spired affection ... worked closely wit...

Mr Lazarus ... national organizing ... Mr Joshua Nkomo's ... African National C... died in a car accid... Africa.

SPORT

Football

Mackay's make or break day of decision

By Norman Fox

Footballers of the past who complain that they were under paid, while sometimes forgetting that they were also under worked, will at least sympathize with the worries that remain to haunt their more adequately rewarded successors. Today, for instance, one of the men who helped make Derby County league champions will almost surely lose his first team place to Leighton James, recently bought from Burnley for £300,000. The tightrope of uncertainty on which the professional footballer balances is as precarious as 20 or more years ago.

These days there is the squad system which helps spread the financial bonuses but there is still the human problem of being removed from the spotlight. The modern manager, if he is successful, strikes a happy relationship with his staff and, by most accounts, Dave Mackay, at Derby, now has the ability to cope with such problems. But his decision day and its outcome will be his own crucial test. Yesterday he said that although he had decided who would or, more importantly, would not play against Birmingham City at St Andrews, he would not tell the public until shortly before the kick-off.

The Derby players are obviously aware of comments heard from Burnley after the transfer of James, who, it seems, will not be missed by some of his former colleagues who considered that his heart was no longer with them. The more relevant question is whether James can reproduce his Welsh international form to help Derby retain their title.

Mackay has announced a party of 12. The amiable Roger Davies is "rested", which means that whoever is dropped will be substitute. The permutations are limited. Hector is at the top of the list of possible victims but we must remember that Lee has talked of retiring at the end of this season which would force Mackay to phase him out of the first team despite his good form. The whole issue could have been put off if Rioch, who has a leg strain, had failed a fitness test but he is definitely included in the party.

Birmingham, despite their lowly league position, can be encouraged on three counts. Derby's last away game against Wolverhampton Wanderers a fortnight ago showed that the league leaders could be disturbed from their attacking style by a team of no outstanding merit; the inclusion of James could have the side effect of causing some confusion in team tactics; and Birmingham themselves can include their exciting young striker, Francis, who scored in all of the six home games before City lost at Leeds and Coventry. His return unhappily coincides with the temporary loss of the captain, Burns, who has a heavy cold.

In theory, Derby have the easiest task facing the clubs from the division's leading group. Manchester United, West Ham United, Queen's Park Rangers, Liverpool and the never to be overlooked, experienced men of Leeds United all have away matches. Queen's Park Rangers are further tried by another "personal problem" involving Bowles, who has been left out of the side to play Manchester City at Maine Road. After the disputes last season Bowles seemed to have settled but yesterday the club manager, Dave Sexton, said: "Stan came to me on Thursday to talk about a personal problem. He is not in the right frame of mind so I decided to leave him out."

Both of London's title challengers, Rangers and West Ham, are in danger of releasing points against Manchester City and Norwich City respectively. Francis and Givens return for Rangers but the revival of turbulent times with Bowles could have a bad effect on team spirit. West Ham have Curbishley back in their team yet cannot feel confident knowing how well Norwich City played to beat Liverpool at Anfield. Incidentally, West Ham yesterday allowed their reserve travelled forward, Gould, to move to Wolverhampton Wanderers for £25,000.

Liverpool's attack from behind the front ranks looked to be shaping into a dangerous threat to Derby County but after the defeat by Norwich and an unconvincing display against Arsenal in midweek, they may have lost their confidence. Today they go to Burnley who have to make several changes because of injuries to Fletcher, Collins, Noble and Morgan. Burnley also drop their England under-23 goalkeeper Stevenson.

...sma, who left Liverpool ...eek, makes his first appearance for Middlesbrough against Manchester United, and Hunter, who has missed four matches because of suspension, is expected to play for Leeds against Arsenal. The result of that match at Highbury could have considerable significance. Defeat for Arsenal would put them in serious trouble and place Leeds in the perfect position for a new year push towards the sharp end of the league.

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Rugby Union

Young Australian pack face gruelling task

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Just how much the Australian scrummaging has improved we seem destined to discover at Murrayfield this afternoon (2.15) when Australia meet Scotland in the first international of the tour, and find themselves confronted by an especially formidable front five. One of that quintet is Sandy Carmichael, who now makes a 41st appearance for his country and so eclipses the record held jointly by two other brawny Scottish props, Hughie McLeod and David Rollo.

Six successive victories—none of them exactly comfortable, and several by the narrowest of margins—have left the Australians, in spite of all the injuries to their players, in excellent heart. They must have derived encouragement from the performance of their forwards at Swansea last week, where, faced by the hardest club pack in the country, and with the same front five as they field now, they recovered from early discomfort, and from the loss of a man, to finish in credit.

None the less, they have no illusions about the task they face today. They will not expect to establish an edge in the lineout against Brown at the front, McHarg in the middle, and the craggy Mackie (6ft 5in of him) at the tail. But, such is their capacity for counter-attack, and for making something out of very little, they must believe, that, given fair weather conditions, they can prevail if they win something like 35 to 40 per cent of good possession.

The forecast last night was for a mild and showery day, with a moderate westerly blowing. It is not a bad commentary on our autumn that these Australians have yet to play a match in the rain.

Having scored but two tries in the last international championship, and both of those in one match, Scotland have been under considerable pressure to embroider a more ambitious theme. However, any such noble objective has to be balanced against the need, when playing a side like Australia, to reduce the risk of error. All through the tour, the wiseacres have been opining that, when the big crunch days come, the likeliest way to make Australia look vulnerable, is to screw them down in front and to keep things tight—at least in the early phase.

Having said all that, it would still seem a pity were Scotland not to make a real effort, when they judge the time is ripe, to exploit the pace and skills of their back division. It certainly, *in toto*, has no less potential than that of the opposition.

Scotland have restored Telfer, who apparently has been playing with all his old elan and shrewdness, at stand-off half, and moved back McGeechan, that excellent footballer, to what is probably his best position, the centre. Just as interestingly, they now give the ebullient Irvine his first game, in a home international, on the wing, a position in which this highly versatile performer distinguished himself in two internationals for the Lions in South Africa.

This move enables them to play the equally dashing Hay at full back. Hay, who looks utterly fearless, was first capped in that watery international against New Zealand in Auckland last June, but he lasted only briefly because of a broken arm. That trenchant, reliable performer, Dick, is on the left wing, and it is obvious that the attacking talent is there if Scotland are minded to use it. It seems equally clear, so outstanding has been the Australian defence, both first-time and in the swift organization of their cover, that Scotland will be hard exercised to find a way through.

A rearrangement of the Scottish loose trio now finds Leslie, last season's No 8, in his club position on a flank, and Mackie winning the first cap that eluded him because of injury in Auckland. I am told that in a recent game for Glasgow, Leslie, who knocks people over with the hearty regularity of a Fergus Slattery, subjected some notable opponents to much harassment. He may well be the last man at the back of the lineout. Mackie, if not yet wholly sophisticated, is an effective lineout performer and a ranger, who is more skilful than his gangling physique might suggest.

The Australian alignment in this area to some extent is makeshift, due to the absence of Loane and Price, who must have been first choices at No 8 and on one flank. Hillhouse, however, has done encouragingly well since his translation from lock to No 8, and both the flankers, Shaw and Cornelsen, have been in roaring good fettle. The three Australian loose forwards have an average age of a little under 22, the whole pack one of 25-plus, which, by international standards, is somewhat precocious. But Australians are never slow to let youth have its fling.

Today's teams at Murrayfield

Scotland			Australia	
B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir)	15	Full back	P. E. McLean (Queensland)	15
A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP)	14	Right wing	P. G. Batch (Queensland)	14
J. M. Renwick (Hawick)	13	Right centre	R. D. L'Estrange (Queensland)	13
I. R. McGeechan (Headingley)	12	Left centre	J. Berne (New South Wales)	12
L. G. Dick (Jordanhill)	11	Left Wing	L. E. Monaghan (New South Wales)	11
C. M. Telfer (Hawick)	10	Stand-off	J. C. Hindmarsh (New South Wales)	10
D. W. Morgan (Stewart's-Melville FP)	9	Scrum half	J. N. P. Hipwell* (New South Wales)	9
I. McLauchlan* (Jordanhill)	1	Prop	J. E. C. Meadows (Victoria)	1
C. D. Fisher (Waterloo)	2	Hooker	P. A. Horton (New South Wales)	2
A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland)	3	Prop	R. Graham (New South Wales)	3
A. F. McHarg (London Scottish)	4	Lock	G. Fay (New South Wales)	4
G. L. Brown (West of Scotland)	5	Lock	R. A. Smith (New South Wales)	5
W. Lauder (Neath)	6	Flanker	G. Cornelsen (New South Wales)	6
G. Y. Mackie (Highland)	8	No 8	D. W. Hillhouse (Queensland)	8
D. G. Leslie (West of Scotland)	7	Flanker	A. A. Shaw (Queensland)	7

*Captain

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Referee: R. F. Johnson (England)

England try out Smith and Bennett combination

England's annual search for a pair of half backs begins today with this season's restyled trials formula which sees the national side meeting the North and Midlands at Leicester, then the South and South West at Gloucester on December 13, and finally the rest at Twickenham on December 20. Bennett and Smith, who fill the half back positions today, are front runners for the midfield in the opening international of the season against Australia on January 3—which will mean the seventh different combination England have tried in 1975.

Logically this new pair should be given an extended run in the hope that they can provide the stability England desperately need to become a force in the five nations championship. But the selectors have operated such a piecemeal match-to-match policy in the last three seasons that it is anyone's guess who will eventually line up against Australia.

Bennett starts, as an England stand-off half, with the slim advantage of having figured in the only victory last season; Smith was required only as a substitute against Wales, after seeming to have made the scrum half position his own the previous year. Their opposite numbers in the North and Midlands side will be Cooper, another England reject, and Lampkowski, the strong runner under-23 scrum half from Headingley.

Neither Bennett nor Smith played in the last international against Australia at Brisbane, but eight of that team provide the nucleus of the England side. There would have been another but Wilkinson (lock) has a leg injury and is replaced by Moseley's Horton. Parker, the England under-23 wing from Northampton, has withdrawn from the regional side and is replaced by Knee (Coventry). But Preece has declared himself fit after a thigh injury received in Coventry's second team last week and will be in the England centre.

Despite their half back worries the selectors and new coach, Peter Colston, have at last shown they are intent on curing the equally important deficiencies in the back row. Ball carriers rather than ball winners have occupied the loose forward positions for too long so Uttley, one of the few certainties in the England pack, is at number eight

ENGLAND: A. Hignell (Cambridge University); P. J. Squires (Harrogate), A. Maxwell (Headingley), P. S. Preece (Coventry), A. J. Morley (Bristol); W. N. Bennett (Bedford), S. J. Smith (Sale); B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), J. V. Pullin (Bristol), F. E. Cotton (Sale), W. Beaumont (Fylde), N. E. Horton (Moseley), A. Neary (Broughton Park captain), R. M. Uttley (Gosforth), M. Keyworth (Swansea).

NORTH AND MIDLANDS: W. H. Hare (Nottingham); P. Knee (Coventry), B. J. Corless (Coventry), N. J. French (Wasps), D. J. Duckham (Coventry); M. J. Cooper (Moseley), M. Lampkowski (Headingley); C. White (Gosforth), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester captain), W. Dickinson (Richmond), J. R. Darnell (Coventry), B. Ayre (Moseley); D. Robinson (Gosforth), G. J. Adey (Leicester), G. Phillips (Northampton).

Referee: D. Jones (Notts, Lincs and Derby).

Tennis

Ashe needs title to confirm status

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Stockholm, Dec 5

One generation clashes with another in tomorrow's semi-final round of the Masters tennis tournament, sponsored by Commercial Union. Arthur Ashe, whose first big title was the 1968 United States championship, will oppose Bjorn Borg, aged 19. Ashe leads Borg 5—2 this year and 7—6 overall. Guillermo Vilas, the holder, will play Ilie Nastase, who sprang into the roll of champions by winning the 1970 Italian title. Vilas leads Nastase 3—1 overall, including a straight sets win in their only match this year.

At 32, Ashe needs the title to confirm his debatable status as the year's leading player. He won the World Championship Tennis and Wimbledon events, beating Borg in one final and Jimmy Connors in the other. Nastase, too, has something to prove. He has slipped from his former peaks.

The inaugural Masters doubles, exclusively an all-play-all event, has already been decided. Brian Gottfried and Raul Ramirez, who came here as strong favourites, won only one set in three matches. Juan Gisbert and Manuel Orantes came out on top by the most precarious of margins: the best percentage of games won to games played. Two other pairs, Jurgen Fassbender and Hans Pohmann and Fred McNair and Sherwood Stewart, also won two of their three matches.

Experience of the big occasion was an important factor this evening, when McNair and Stewart, who have been in harness for only six months, tackled the match-hardened Germans. The Americans sometimes showed the inhibitions that spring from tension and towards the end, McNair in particular, became excited. But it was a good scrap. Stewart crashed through the back canvas—he was out of sight, except for his large feet waving in the air—and McNair sprawled into the net before Fassbender and Pohmann calmly rounded off a 7—6, 7—6 win.

It was announced here today that Sunderland (three), Edinburgh and Nottingham (two each) are to be the cities staging Britain's seven home ties in the inaugural European team league for the King's Cup (formerly awarded for an indoor knock-out competition). The competing teams will play each other home and away. Each tie will consist of two singles and a doubles, all on the same day (a format used in the successful women's world championship for the Federation Cup). A total of 17 nations will take part, eight in the first division and nine in the second. There will be a one-up, one-down system of promotion and relegation at the end of the competition.

The event will be sponsored by Saab for at least two years. There will be £50,000 prize money in the first division, the winning team taking £15,000. The second division teams will play for a total of £12,500. The competition will run from January 10 to March 14, a period that clashes with two well established American indoor circuits—one run by World Championship Tennis, the other by William F. Riordan. The new European Tennis Association are trying to tempt leading European players to stay in their own continent, but initially they may have only limited success.

DOUBLES.—J. Gisbert and M. Orantes (Spain) beat B. Gottfried (US) and R. Ramirez (Mexico), 6—3, 6—1; J. Fassbender and H. Pohmann (W Germany) beat F. McNair and S. Stewart (US), 7—6, 7—6.

Skiing

Thoeni holds off threat from Swede

Val d'Isère, Dec 5.—Gustavo Thoeni, Italy's men's world ski cup holder, fought off a brilliant challenge by Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, to win the opening event of the world cup at the Criterium de la Premiere Neige meeting here today.

Thoeni, 2.2sec clear after the first leg of today's giant slalom, won by only three tenths of a second as Stenmark threw everything he had into the second run.

"The conditions were just right for me today and I was determined to win to show the people who claim I am never in good form at the start of the season that they are wrong," Thoeni said. "My first run could not have been better and I eased off in the second to make sure of not missing any gates," he added.

The sheer fire and dash of Thoeni's first run brought gasps of appreciation from the crowd. But they went wild as it became apparent that Stenmark was not far from beating him overall.

RESULT: 1, G. Thoeni (Italy) (1min 41.56sec, 1min 41.80sec), 3min 23.36sec; 2, I. Stenmark (Sweden) (1:43.76, 1:39.90), 3:23.66; 3, P. Gros (Italy) (1.43.98, 1:40.79), 3:24.77; 4, T. Hauser (Austria) (1:43.19, 1:40.95), 3:25.14; 5, E. Good (Switzerland) (1:44.15, 1:42.20), 3:26.35; 6, P. Mahre (US) (1:44.95, 1:41.52), 3:26.47; 7, F. Bieler (Italy) (1:44.75, 1:41.86), 3:26.61; 8, W. Junginger (WG) (1:44.66, 1:42.10), 3:26.76; 9, H. Hinterseer (Austria) (1:44.85, 1:42.05), 3:26.90; 10, M. Sochor (Czechoslovakia) (1:45.29, 1:41.79), 3:27.08.—Reuter.

One man in whom the Olympic flame burns summer and winter

Campbells are coming—both of him



Campbell's kingdoms, Montreal and Innsbruck. He is extreme left in both cases.

Eight years, and about 10 seconds as a record goal, is the difference between Colin Campbell, summer track runner, and Colin Campbell, winter sports enthusiast, as he tries for the "impossible dream" of representing Britain in both summer and winter Olympic Games.

Now 29, Campbell was a member of the British 4 x 400 metres team who finished fifth in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. Since he was 18 he has been running fast, experiencing injury as well as fleeting success in the sport of track and field athletics, which is probably the most competitive of all. He still regards himself as an athlete and next spring will do his best to gain selection for the summer Games in Montreal.

In the meantime, however, he has found another enthusiasm apart from the totally individualistic pursuit of sprinting round a running track. His new game is racing down an icy path for about 56 seconds at speeds of more than 70 mph, determined not to let down his teammates. Since last winter he has been hoping to be picked as a member of the British bobsleigh party who will represent this country at the Innsbruck Winter Olympics in February. The odds are high that he will succeed.

Campbell recalls that it was in November, 1974, that he saw a letter in the trade magazine, *Athletics Weekly*, from a bob driver, Christopher Baldwin, looking for the right crew type to strengthen the national pool. "The requirements were a weight of around 12st, with an athletic background and reasonable sprinting ability. I'm 6ft 1in and around 12st 8lb, and I'd run 100 metres in 10.9sec, 200 in 21.5, 400 in 45.9, plus a former British 800 record of 1min 46.1sec, so I applied. And I've never regretted it."

Early this year Campbell went down the run for the first time. "I felt scared beforehand because I didn't know what was coming. All I thought about at the time was getting correctly into the bob. My immediate reaction after was just like a kid going down a playground slide—when can I go down again? It was a tremendous, exhilarating feeling. Now I've done about 50 runs and I find you're learning all the time.

"It's a far more complicated sport than most people appreciate. It's vital to learn the course by walking up and down it, and by bobbing it two or three times you should be able to memorize it. Then you start to watch and know what's happening. If the driver bangs you over to one side you call him a few names under your breath, but if he's smooth you really know it, too. The more experience you get, the more you can help, especially on a four-man bob, because the driver can't always tell when the back of the bob is whipping round. Afterwards you're talking it over and the driver will say to the brakeman 'I clobbered it once. When was that?', and the brakeman says 'Coming out of eight'. You work really close together, so unlike athletics, which is so individualistic. I always liked relay running most."

Regular practice on the Continental courses is vital and that is a particular problem for Campbell as he tries to train as much as possible with British soldiers, based in Germany, who are the backbone of the national bobsleigh pool. During his seasons on the track Campbell was generously allocated time to train and compete by his employers at the National Westminster Bank. But it is hard to point out that his new sporting hobby means his country may need him again. Recently he spent about £120 of his own money to train with the national pool, but he is convinced this outlay is necessary if Britain's bobbers are going to have any chance against other teams in Innsbruck.

"I've told you that I've had close to 50 runs. But you should see the East Germans training on the Olympic course at Igls. They've had about 600 runs this year. And they've got a back-up team of about 40, timing and filming every other country that goes down. It's vital to get in as many runs as possible, but you can only do so many in a week because there's basic training, and all the work on the bob itself, to fit in."

As a top-class runner Campbell knew all about hard training, about interval runs which can leave the legs shaking and the lungs heaving. But he finds the work as a bobber is much longer if sometimes less agonizing. "You can roll into bed exhausted and, even if you did feel like a beer, there's your teammates refusing to let you have one because they want you to be at your best the next day. You just can't let them down." In London now, far away from the icy slopes, Campbell spends three nights a week with other bobbers on running, swimming and lifting weights. Another two nights are taken up with basic mileage on the roads. That leaves Saturday to race cross-country for Polytechnic Harriers, whose track captain he is, and then, "Sundays I can please myself—often do two sessions on running on the road or go to Crystal Palace for a double track session".

All this work is so that Campbell, and others behind the driver, can provide an initial explosion behind the bobsleigh (which has a maximum combined weight, of crew and bob, of 630 kilos in the four-man event) at the start. "You can spend an hour and a half on starting practice because you must be absolutely together when you push. If you don't hit the bob at the same split second then it's all disjointed. You try to maintain the acceleration as long as possible after the driver has gone in and when you go in yourself you've got to be light as a fairy. The slightest rock can throw the bob out of line. Once you get in you sit damn still. Even moving your head to one side can make a difference."

Before the helmeted quartet go streaking down the 1,500 metres, trying to navigate in around 55sec some 15 turns in their streamlined steel and aluminium machine, there is a lot more Campbell and his companions have to do than inspect a pair of running shoes. "It's up to us, and not the driver, to check the bob, tightening bolts, seeing if any rewelding is necessary, altering the push handles which we use at the start. And you might spend between four and five hours polishing the steel runners until you can see your face in them. The slightest scratch on them can hold you up. If there's any foreign substance on them you can be disqualified and they have to be one degree above ice temperature before you race. We keep the runners on the radiators during the night and keep our fingers crossed they'll be at the right temperature before the start."

Recently Campbell had what he euphemistically calls his first "flip" as the two-man bob went careering downhill. "Later we discovered that the centre of gravity was too far back so the front runners were not gripping enough to get proper steerage. When you flip you let go the handholds and just kick furiously because you want to get out fast in case the bob rolls over on you. My driver, Jim, kicked so hard that he kicked off the footrest—that's so solid that you can lift a bob up on a crane by it. I kicked hard, too, and when I walked back to check the marks it seemed that I got out of the bob within 30 or 40ft. The whole process seemed slow, to take ages. I did bang my elbow as I went out backwards. But what's that compared with the Japs we saw last winter? They went right up over the wall and then dropped 12 to 15ft on to a road. Didn't do them any good at all."

Neil Allen

Golf

Only the Taiwanese smile under a Thai sun

Bangkok, Dec 5.—Taiwan's Hsieh Min-Nan and Kuo Chie-Hsiung made up six strokes on John Miller and Lou Graham today to draw level with the Americans after the second round of the World Cup golf tournament here. The Taiwanese returned four-under-par rounds of 68; Miller and Graham had 71s.

The United States and Taiwan ended the day with team totals of 276. Third place, on 279, was filled by the Philippines, whose veteran, Ben Arda, took over the individual lead by adding a 68 to his 67 yesterday for a 36-hole total of 135. Australia are fourth on 280, Argentina fifth on 281, and Japan sixth on 284. Hsieh was one stroke behind Arda on 136, followed by Miller on 137, in the individual standings.

The English and Scottish teams gave a disappointing performance under a blazing sun at the 6,906-yard Navatanee course. Maurice Bembridge and Guy Hunt, of England, who had a three-over-par 147 in the first round yesterday, had a disastrous 153 today to finish far behind the leaders.

Brian Barnes and Norman Wood, of Scotland, also disappointed with 145 for a two-round total of 294. All four players conceded that they were out of the running, but said they would try hard for better scores in the next two rounds. "The heat is too much for me", Barnes said. "This is the first time I have played in Asia and I think it will be the last."

Barnes, with a two-over-par 74, had two birdies, but he lost four strokes after landing in sand bunkers. "I just cannot concentrate in this heat. If you cannot go around this short course on par, then you must be playing pretty bad." Bembridge, who scored a three-over-par 75, has played here before. "I still cannot get used to the heat", he said.

Wood and Craig Defoy, of Wales, each scored a one-under-par 71. Only Ireland, in the shape of the two Christy O'Connors (uncle and nephew), stayed remotely in contention, 14 strokes behind the leaders. O'Connor, sen, an old World Cup campaigner, dropped shots at early holes, but held his score to a 73; O'Connor, jun, was also in trouble, dropping a stroke at the second. He finished on 74. DeFoy, playing in his fourth World Cup, partnered Simon Cox, who had a 76 for a two-round Welsh tally of 299.

Miller and Graham wilted in the tropical heat and humidity. Miller had a brilliant six-under-par 66 on the opening day. Hsieh had Kuo will remain formidable challengers to the Americans, the tournament favourites, if the temperature stays about 33°C for the next two rounds. The Philippines also made up ground, moving into third place in the team event on 279, three shots behind the joint leaders. Arda played superbly consistently to take the individual leadership from Miller.

The American, followed by a gallery of nearly 4,000, was one of many to fall victim to scorching heat which is proving a huge handicap to those not accustomed to it. "I tried my best, but it is very difficult in this heat", Miller said rather dejectedly as he came off the course. "I played badly and missed several birdie putts. There was no lack of trying, but that's all we can do under the conditions. We are just tired."

Miller started well and was four under par at the turn with 32. His troubles began after that. He could not pick up another birdie; instead he dropped shots at the 12th, 14th and 15th for an inward 39. Graham had three birdies on the first nine. He dropped shots at two holes for an outward 35. He came back in a level par 36.

The Taiwanese were not bothered by the heat. Hsieh, delighted with his team's effort, said: "We will try very hard in the next two rounds." The relaxed Australians made the best progress, improving their position to fourth place, well within striking distance of the leaders. Bob Shearer and Ian Stanley returned cards of 68, their best rounds here this week, and are obviously getting the measure of the course.

Argentina, who were second behind the Americans on 138 yesterday, slipped as three countries went past them; but the stocky Juan Cabrera followed up his 67 yesterday with another sub-par round of 70. France, with Jean Garaialde playing in a record 19th World Cup, put up a steady performance to take 11th place on 292. Garaialde has dropped only one shot to par so far. Bernard Pascassio improved with a 72 after his 75 yesterday.

One stroke behind were South Africa, the champions, with Tienie Britz (72 and 73) and John Bland (73 and 75) probably a little too far off the pace to retain their title.

One of the sub-70 scores came from an amateur, Taimur Hassam, aged 23, a businessman from Rawalpindi, who finished on 69. He went out in a par 36 and came back with three birdies for a 33.—Reuter.

Second round details in Bangkok

Team

276—US (J. Miller 66, 71, L. Graham 68, 71); Taiwan (Hsieh Min-Nan 68, 68, Kuo Chie-Hsiung 72, 68).
279—Philippines (B. Arda 67, 68, E. Nival 73, 71).
280—Australia (B. Shearer 74, 68, I. Stanley 70, 68).
281—Argentina (J. Cabrera 67, 70, J. Soto 71, 33).
284—Japan (T. Murakami 70, 69, K. Shimada 74, 71).
288—South Korea (Cho Tae-Woon 71, 74, Park Jung-Ung 72, 71).
289—Puerto Rico (J. Rivera 79, 71, J. Rodrigues 69, 70).
290—Ireland (C. O'Connor Snr 72, 73, C. O'Connor Jnr 71, 74).
291—Thailand (S. Onsham 69, 75, A. Thappavibul 73, 74).
292—France (J. Garaialde 72, 73, B. Pascassio 75, 72).
293—Brazil (A. Evangelista 77, 74, L. C. Pinto 71, 71); South Africa (T. Britz 72, 73, J. Bland 73, 75), Mexico (E. Acosta 71, 71, N. Martinez 80, 71).
294—Scotland (B. Barnes 77, 74, N. Wood 72, 71); Denmark (P. Greve 69, 75, H. Hansen 76, 74).
295—Burma (Mya Aye 72, 71, M. Shein 73, 79); Chile (F. Cerda 78, 73, N. Morales 74, 70) Malaysia, B. Lim 73, 76, Z. A. Yusoff 73, 73).
296—Colombia (J. Pinzon 68, 76, H. Valenzuela 81, 71); Venezuela (F. Betancourt 78, 71, N. Machado 73, 74).
297—Greece (J. Sotiropoulos 74, 73, G. Vafiadis 72, 78); Egypt (A. Halim 73, 75, M. Moussa 72, 77).
298—Spain (S. Ballesteros 78, 68, A. Gallardo 79, 73); Austria.
299—Wales (C. DeFoy 77, 71, S. Cox 75, 76); Sweden.
300—England (M. Bembridge 74, 78; G. Hunt 73, 78); Canada.
301—New Zealand; Italy.
303—Indonesia.
304—Pakistan.
306—West Germany.
307—Singapore.
309—Jamaica.
312—Belgium.
314—Hongkong; Morocco.
315—Netherlands.
317—Sri Lanka.
318—Switzerland.
336—Libya.
347—Portugal.
364—Nepal.
387—Yugoslavia.

Individual

135—B. Arda (Philippines) 67, 68.
136—Hsieh Min-Nan (Taiwan) 68, 68.
137—J. Miller (US) 66, 71; J. Cabrera (Argentina) 67, 70.
138—I. Stanley (Australia) 70, 68.
139—J. Rodriguez (Puerto Rico) 69, 70; L. Graham (US) 68, 71; T. Murakami (Japan) 70, 69.
140—Kuo Chie-Hsiung (Taiwan) 72, 68.
142—L. C. Pinto (Brazil) 71, 71; B. Shearer (Australia) 74, 68; E. P. Acosta (Mexico) 71, 71.
143—N. Wood (Scotland) 72, 71; R. Hauser (Austria) 73, 70; Mya Aye (Burma) 72, 71; Park Jung-Ung (Korea) 72, 71.
144—J. Soto (Argentina) 71, 73; J. Pinzon (Colombia) 68, 76; N. Morales (Chile) 74, 70; P. Greve (Denmark) 69, 75; E. Nival (Philippines) 73, 71; S. Onsham (Thailand) 69, 75.

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2	230	3	11	380	4
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4	578	5	13	133	3
5	357	4	14	347	4
6	412	4	15	457	4
7	381	4	16	218	3
8	159	5	17	370	4
9	539	5	18	559	5
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...l v Leeds Utd
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...brough v Man U
...tle v Coventry
...l v West Ham U
...d U v Tottenham H
... v Aston Villa

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... Crystal Palace (3.15)
... v Gillingham
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... v Peterborough
...ld v Swindon
...l v Cardiff
... NE v Wrexham
...am v Chesterfield
...ury v Aldershot
... v Port Vale

...URIAN LEAGUE (2.30): Old ...ians v Old Reptonians; Old ...nists v Old Cholmeleians.

Second division

Bristol City v Carlisle
Chelsea v Bolton W
Notts Co v Blackburn
Oldham v Fulham
Orient v Nottm Forest
Oxford U v Bristol R
Plymouth v Blackpool
Southampton v Sunderland
West Brom A v Portsmouth
York City v Hull City

Fourth division

Bradford C v Barnsley
Brentford v Rochdale
Cambridge U v Tranmere
Doncaster v Torquay
Huddersfield v Exeter C
Newport v Darlington (3.15)
Northampton v Crewe
Reading v Stockport
Scunthorpe v Southport (3.15)
Swansea v Hartlepool
Watford v Lincoln C
Workington v Bournemouth

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Hayes v Clapton; Leytonstone v Oxford City; Tooting and Mitcham v Slough.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Rangers
Ayr v Dundee U
Dundee v Hibernian
Hearts v Celtic (1.0)
Motherwell v St Johnstone

Scottish first division

Arbroath v East Fife
Clyde v Falkirk
Dumbarton v Airdrie
Dunfermline v Morton
Montrose v Queen of South
Partick T v Hamilton
St Mirren v Kilmarnock

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Berwick
E Stirling v Alloa
Meadowbank v Stirling A
Queen's Pk v Brechin
Raith v Clydebank
Stenhousemuir v Forfar
Stranraer v Cowdenbeath (2.15)

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Preliminary round, replay (2.0): Old Carthusians v Old Salopians (at Godalming). First round (2.15): Old Bradfieldians v Old Ardinians (at Whiteley Village); Old Wellingburians v Old Etonians (at Finedon).

Other football

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Dunstable; Bath v Dover; Burton v Nuneaton; Chelmsford v Tonbridge; Grantham v Weymouth (2.15); Gravesend & N v Hillingdon; Maidstone v Bedford; Margate v Cambridge City; Telford v Kettering; Yeovil v Wealdstone. First division—north: AP Leamington v Milton Keynes; Banbury v Tamworth; Barry v Corby; Bedworth v Worcester; Bromsgrove v Cheltenham; Gloucester v Redditch (2.15); Kidderminster v Enderby; Merthyr T v Barnet (2.15); Wellingborough v Oswestry; Witney Tn v King's Lynn. First division—south: Andover v Bexley; Ashford v Folkestone/Shepway; Bognor Regis v Hastings; Dorchester v Salisbury (2.15); Guildford/Dorking v Minehead; Metropolitan Police v Basingstoke; Ramsgate v Canterbury; Trowbridge v Dartford; Waterlooville v Poole (2.15).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Northwich Vic; Barrow v Bangor City; Boston Utd v Sth Liverpool; Fleetwood v Wigan; Gainsborough v Buxton; Gateshead v Mossley; Gt Harwood v Worksop; Lancaster v Macclesfield; Runcorn v Morecambe; Scarborough v Netherfield; Skelmersdale v Stafford Rangers.

FA VASE: Third round (2.0): Abingdon Town v Vauxhall Motors; Addlestone v Dartford Amateurs (3.0); Barton Rovers v Chalfont St Peter; Basildon United v Clacton Town; Billericay Town v Epping Town; Bristol St George v Hungerford Town; Bracknell Town v Windsor and Eton; Brockenhurst v Chichester City; Burnham v Crockenhill; Cirencester Town v Cadbury Heath; Eastbourne Town v Selsey; Egham Town v Molesey (3.0); Farnborough Town v Merstham; Feltham v Heathside Sports (3.0); Gosport Borough v Bridport; Shoreham v Tunbridge Wells; Wolverton Town v Aylesbury United.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Alton Town v Worthing (2.15); Edmonton-Haringey v Leyton-Wingate; Erith and Belvedere v Redhill; Grays Athletic v Ruislip Manor. Lewes v Hounslow; Rainham v Marlow.

Rugby Union

International match
Scotland v Australia (at Murrayfield) (3.15)

Trial match
England v North & Midlands (at Leicester)

B International
Ireland B v France B (in Dublin) (2.30)

Club matches
Abertillery v Bridgend
Bath v London Scottish
Bedford v Manchester
Birkenhead Pk v Coventry (2.30)
Birmingham v Sth Wales Police
Bradford v Huddersfield (2.30)
Broughton Pk v Vale of Lune (2.30)
Cardiff v Swansea
Clifton v St Luke's Coll (2.30)
Devonport Services v Redruth (2.30)
Edinburgh Acads v West of Scotland (2.30)
Exeter v Torquay Ath (2.30)
Fylde v New Brighton (2.15)
Gosforth v Hull & ER (2.30)
Harlequins v Blackheath (at Stoop Mem gd) (2.15)
London Welsh v Aberavon (2.15)
Loughborough Colls v Harrogate (2.30)
Maesteg v Ebbw Vale
Moseley v Gloucester
Newbridge v Cross Keys (2.30)
Northampton v Llanelli
Northern v Wilmslow (2.30)
Nottingham v Headingley
Nuneaton v Metro Police
Oxford v Lydney (2.30)
Penarth v Old Edwardians
Plymouth Albion v Penzance & N (2.45)
Pontypridd v Neath
Richmond v London Irish (2.30)
Rugby v Halifax (2.30)
St Helens v Esher (2.30)
Saracens v Liverpool (2.30)
Streatham/Croydon v Guy's Hosp (2.30)
Stroud v O Whitgiftians (2.30)
Taunton v US Portsmouth (2.30)
Tredegar v Glamorgan Wdrs
Trinity Acads v Hawick (2.30)
Wasps v Rosslyn Park (2.30)
Waterloo v Leicester (2.30)
Weston-s-Mare v Penryn (2.30)

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Cheam; Cambridge University v Blackheath; Guildford v Richmond; Hampstead v Tulse Hill; Hounslow v Slough; London University v Bromley; Maidenhead v Hawks. Mid-Surrey v Old Kingstonians; Oxford University v Southgate; Surbiton v Purley; Teddington v Spencer; Wimbledon v Dulwich.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfordshire Eagles v Norfolk Wanderers; Cambridge University Wands v Broxbourne; Colchester v Bluoharts; Old Southendians v Cambridge City; Pelican v Chelmsford; Welwyn Garden City v Bishop's Stortford; Westcliff v Bury YMCA.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Durhar v Manchester League (at Durham Univ). Berkshire v Middlesex (at Bisham Abbey); London University v Oxfordshire (at Motspur Park); Cambridgeshire v Huntingdonshire (at Cambridge); Norfolk v Lincolnshire (at Cambridge).

Lacrosse

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE. Division One: Croydon v London University; Lee v St Helier; Kenton v Buckhurst Hill.

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE. Division One: Ashton v Old Waconians; Cheadle v Mellor; Old Hulmeians v Stockport; Old Stopfordians v Boardman and Eccles; South Manchester & W v Sheffield University; Urmston v Heaton Mersey.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: All England Counties tournament (at Bedford CPA, 11.30 am); Beckenham v Blackheath HS; Hatch End v Putney.

Rugby League

County Championship
Cumbria v Lancashire (at Workington) (2.30)
Yorkshire v Other Nationalities (at Bradford) (2.30)

First division
Leeds v Swinton

Tomorrow

Rugby Union
Newport v Bristol (3.15)

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: Bradford N. v Salford (2.30); Featherstone R. v Wigan (2.30); Huddersfield v Oldham (3.30); St. Helens v Dewsbury; Widnes v Keighley.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool B. v Leigh (2.30); Bramley v Huyton (3.30); New Hunslet v Halifax (3.30); York v Hull (2.30).

Golf
Leatherjackets G6 v Oxford University (at Burnham and Berrow).

Rackets
Noel Bruce Cup final (at Queen's Club, West Kensington, 11.0).

Squash rackets
Middlesex open championship (at Ealing); RAF championships (at Uxbridge).

Hockey
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: (1.45) East—Final: Hertfordshire v Lincolnshire (at St. Albans, 1.45); South—Final: Sussex v Middlesex (at East Grinstead, 1.45).
OTHER MATCHES: Combined Services under-21 v UAU (at Aldershot); Guildford v RAF.
NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands quarter-final round: Cannock v Edgbaston; Derwent v Northampton Saints; Nottinghamshire v Shifnal; Worcester v Ashby or Loughborough Students.
EAST TRIALS: Under-21 training (at Bury St Edmunds).

Lacrosse
WOMEN'S MATCHES: All England Counties Tournament at Bedford CPE; Hatch End v Harpenden; Bedford CPE v Midlands; West London v Pendeley.

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.20).
Racing: Cheltenham races at 12.45, 1.15, 1.50.
Table tennis: GMC Masters tournament (12.55, about 3.45).
Rugby Union: Scotland v Australia (2.5).
Tennis: Masters tournament (about 3.45).
Football: Match of the Day (10.15).

BBC 2
Tennis: Masters tournament (5.5).
Rugby Union: Scotland v Australia (7.0).

BBC 2—Tomorrow
Tennis: Masters tournament (1.5).

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35).
Racing: Lingfield Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Catterick Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
Ice skating: British championships (3.10).
Wrestling: Solihull promotion (4.0).

IBA—Tomorrow
Football: The Big Match (2.0).

SPORT

Racing

Distance should suit Summerville

By Michael Seely

Summerville, a sometimes exasperating but often brilliant animal, is my selection to win the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup at Cheltenham this afternoon. I have seldom seen a horse win a handicap with such insolent ease as did Summerville when taking the Mildmay of Flete Cup at the National Hunt Festival on this course last March. Held well off the pace in the early stages, he looked every inch like Nijinsky as he came storming past his rivals from the foot of the hill. Going to the front before the final fence he went clean away to win *by 30 lengths.*

Summerville ran twice more after Cheltenham. After gaining a bloodless victory in the Welsh Champion Steeplechase at Chepstow when his solitary opponent Bula, fell at the thirteenth fence, he was beaten four lengths by Game Spirit at Ascot, receiving only 8lb from the Queen Mother's *high-class gelding.* That was no disgrace and Summerville, ideally suited by today's distance of two and a half miles, should now be at his peak following a run over hurdles at Chepstowe in October when considered to be in need of the race.

If today's race had been over two miles I would have had no hesitation in going for Easby Abbey in spite of his weight of 11st 10lb. His gallant defeat of Flashy Boy in that Sandown Park *thriller last weekend stamped him* as one of the outstanding two-mile steeplechasers in the country. But although Easby Abbey's class is undisputed he finished second to Comedy of Errors in the Champion Hurdle of 1973. He had never *won over today's distance. What* is more, most of the extra half-mile he will have to cover this afternoon is uphill.

A strong case can be made out for most of the runners this afternoon. Bruslee looked a good horse *in the making last autumn when* he won three of his first four races including the Mackeson Gold Cup. Although he *subsequently* disappointed in the mud at Ascot *behind Ten Up and Soothsayer he* is considered as likely to be ideally *suited by today's fast surface. Centaur,* a consistent handicapper trained by Fulke Walwyn, is unlikely to repeat his fall in the race won by Vikrom at Newbury.

London Express, a tough experienced handicapper from Scot*land, was looking dangerous when* he blundered at the last but one fence in the Mackeson Gold Cup, won by Clear Cut. He would not have beaten the winner that afternoon but it might have been a near thing for second-place between him and Credo's Daughter, who also must have a sound chance of reaching a place today.

The most difficult horse to assess is Poohbear, undefeated in his only two races this season. Although Poohbear was receiving 22lb when beating Game Spirit at Ascot, it is difficult to estimate *how much the seven-year-old had* in hand that afternoon. In going *for Summerville I greatly respect* the claims of Poohbear and Easby Abbey.

Racegoers at Cheltenham have a treat in store this afternoon. Apart from the spectacle of the big race itself the reigning champion hurdler Comedy of Errors will be in action in the Cheltenham Trial Hurdle. Comedy of Errors has been beaten in both his races this season, but his connexions were in no way despondent after his *recent defeat* by Night Nurse at Newcastle. The champion has always needed a couple of races to produce him fighting fit and his failure to give a razor-sharp Night Nurse 9lb was no disgrace.

Of his opponents today Sea Pigeon is 4lb better treated for a two-length beating but I cannot see him beating Comedy of Errors. *Flash Imp and Tree Tangle, second* and third in the Champion Hurdle last March both take the field today but in spite of the fluency of Flash Imp's success in a fast time at Wincanton, I cannot see either of them reversing the placings and I give a confident vote to Comedy of Errors.

In the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle Trial I expect to see Valmony one of David Morley's powerful team of three-year-olds, prove too good for Tornado Prince and Cabar Feidh. Although the ease of Valmony's 25-length win at Newbury was probably a shade flattering as his two nearest attendants fell two flights out, there is no doubt that the French-bred is exceptionally useful.

Probably the safest bet at Cheltenham is the Neville Crump trained Cancello, a smart hurdler last season, who won in style over fences at Newcastle recently. He runs today in the Fred Withington Steeplechase.

Lingfield Park also has *a strong* card where the main race is the Ladbroke Leaders' Handicap Hurdle to be run over two and a half miles. While noting the claims of Super Nova who at last has the soft ground she needs, True Song and *the well-handi*capped Shinto, I am looking to Successor to provide a big race *double for Summerville's trainer,* Bob Turnell. Successor, who ran well behind Croome at Cheltenham, again performed creditably when fourth behind Lucius at Sandown Park last weekend. Today's distance and going seem suited to his requirements.

The Summit Junior Hurdle presents an interesting clash involving Brenn, a quick-jumping French-bred who scored impeccably for David Nicholson at Leicester, Sweet Joe, who gave Havanus a *hard fight at Haydock Park and* the David Gandolfo-trained Manzoni who won with such authority at the same meeting. I have no intention of opposing Manzoni.

The Eridge Handicap Steeplechase can see a return to winning form by last season's Sun Alliance Steeplechase winner Pengrail, who should be the sharper for his second to Vikrom at Newbury.



Bruslee : the fast surface today should suit him.

Andy Turnell missed a winner and a second in the last two races at Cheltenham yesterday after a heavy fall on Accord in *the* Bath Novices' Steeplechase left him with a bruised back. But he is confident of being fit to ride Summerville in the *Massey Ferguson Gold* Cup today. Turnell, who also partners Tree Tangle against Comedy *of Errors in the Champion Hurdle* Trial, had been engaged for Posh Saree, Markarajah, by the trainer, Derek Ancil.

Accord, the even money favourite, was disputing the lead two fences out when he fell, *bringing down Killagurteen. Dad's* Army was left in front, but was collared on the flat by the 33-1 chance The Dene, who provided a remarkable ending to the 15-year training career of Hugh O'Neill.

The Rugby trainer said : "This is my last day as a trainer. I couldn't have written a better end to the story. I am giving up for a combination of reasons and my 14 horses leave the yard tomorrow. This is my first winner at Cheltenham. I hope to set out again one day in a different yard."

Rubstic did not put a foot wrong to land the odds in the Tony Teacher Steeplechase, striding up the hill to the finish as if he *could go round again.*

Gordon Richards, saddling his thirty-eighth winner of the season, rates Rubstic an ideal Grand National candidate even at the early age of six : "He stays forever and jumps. I'm not worried *where they run the National* as long as it's four and a half miles and the '*lolly*' *is there.*"

Rubstic, who carries the colours of the former Scottish rugby international, John Douglas, goes for the Northern Trophy Handicap *Steeplechase* next month and then the Elder Handicap Steeplechase, both at Newcastle.

Sonny Somers, at 13, twice the age of most of his rivals in the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle qualifier, cantered clear with two flights to jump and held on bravely by a couple of lengths from Markarajah on whom Bill Shoemark deputized for Andy Turnell.

STATE OF GOING (Official): Cheltenham, good to firm; Lingfield Park Steeplechase, good to soft, Hurdles, soft; Catterick Bridge, good to firm. Monday, Teesside Park, soft; Nottingham, good.

Collingwood giving too much to Canharis

By Jim Snow

Catterick Bridge has an excellent sub-soil, able to take and absorb plenty of heavy rain, and unless it is covered by snow or has taken the full treatment of *a severe* overnight frost, the going for jumping during the winter is as good as any course in the country.

Today the biggest prize goes to the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup, a handicap steeplechase over three miles, and here there is promise of a close finish between Canharis and Collingwood. But one horse cannot be left out, Baylord, since he comes from Gordon Richards's stable, who gained their thirty-*ninth winner yesterday* at Cheltenham with Rubstic. Baylord won his last race at Sedgefield, and he has twice won over the course. He has bottom weight and should go well.

But the two who will probably be at grips with each other over the last two fences in the straight are likely to be Canharis, a *former* point-to-point horse, and now trained by Neville Crump for Lord Zetland, and Collingwood. In the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury last month, Collingwood ran a magnificent race to lead from the start to the last fence, *and it was* only on the run in that he was outpaced by April Seventh and narrowly beaten into second place. He had previously won twice in succession, but with 11st 1lb he is set to give 5lb to Canharis, and this I suggest might be just a little too much.

Canharis had severe tendon trouble last season, ran only once, but following a successful operation he came back sound to Crump's Middleham stable, and in his two races he has underlined his wellbeing by two victories. These two successes have been over two *miles, and since* in the past three seasons he has won five times over three miles, his owner and trainer have tried between them to work out which *is his* best distance. Canharis has won three times at Catterick, and with a thought that *Collingwood might* be feeling the effects of the brave but hard race he had at Newbury, *Canharis* is slightly preferred.

Fighting King, a winner twice and second in three races, looks well handicapped with 10st 1lb in the Bedale Hurdle, 3.15, and I take Denys Smith's improving four-year-old to beat Any Second and Red Herring *in Catterick's* final race.

Unspectacular end to the longest auction

The longest auction in the history of the British bloodstock industry ended at Newmarket last night after more than 1,900 horses passed through the arena at Tattersall's December sales. The final session of the 80-hour marathon was a total anti-climax compared with Thursday's spec*tacular dealings.* The takings for the day amounted to only 228,256 guineas compared with the previous day's seven figure aggregate.

The auctioneer shad an unenviable task looking for bidders. Between *9* am on Thursday, November 27 and 6 pm last night 1,136 lots were sold either publicly or privately for a total of 4,276,603 guineas, to produce an overall average of 3,764 guineas. Twelve months ago, 1,280 lots fetched 4,812,416 guineas, an average of 3,751 guineas. Today's figures were 88 lots sold for 228,256 guineas, an average of 2,594 guineas. At the final session in 1974, 140 lots brought 413,520 guineas for an average of 2,954 guineas.

Kenneth Watt, senior partner in Tattersalls said the Government *should foot most of the blame for* the lower figures. He went on, "Because of the uniquely penal taxation system under which British racing and breeding has to operate, by comparison with other EEC countries, and the poor prize money in Britain resulting from ridiculously low return from the betting turnover, there were far fewer home based *buyers* than of old. Unless the Government revises its attitude, it is *difficult* to see the alternative to further shrinkage, recession and unemployment in an industry *which* has for years provided the world with many of its bloodlines, and the Exchequer with a variety of valuable exchange."

Mr Watt added, "International buyers, largely from America, France, Australia and Spain *ensured* that there was an excellent market for the good class horses. But the bloodstock agencies did not appear to have their usual bulk orders for large numbers of medium priced mares and fillies for such countries as *Brazil, Argentina, Greece* and Japan, because of national problems or inflation."

Paris, Dec 5.—Another male bastion will tumble tomorrow when *Baroness Jean de Bretizel rides* against 18 male jockeys in the main hurdles horse race at Auteuil.

Cheltenham programme

[*Television* (BBC 1): 12.45, 1.15 *and* 1.50 *races*]

12.45 DAILY EXPRESS TRIUMPH HURDLE TRIAL (3-y-o: £1,957 : 2m 200yd)
101 211 Cabar Feidh (Mrs C. Calver), P. Calver, 11-3 .. R. Barry
102 21 Iversay (Mrs C. Kingham), A. Stevens, 11-3 .. C. Read
105 1 Tornado Prince (M. Tabor), N. Callaghan, 11-3 .. M. Wagner
106 11 Valmony (J. Weller-Poley), D. Morley, 11-3 .. B. R. Davies
108 1 Blues Again (L. Dowman), K. Ivory, 11-0 .. R. Evans
110 0 Bright Comet (J. Marshall), H. Nicholson, 11-0 .. P. Blacker
111 3 Darcy (Mr R. Adam), V. Cross, 11-0 .. F. McKenna
113 023 Golden Rifle (O. Kelly), C. Dingwall, 11-0 ..
115 King's Hazard (D. Barons), D. Barons, 11-0 .. M. Barrett 7
116 0 Light Infantry (P. Brook), D. Barons, 11-0 .. D. Cartwright
118 00 Lustful Lady (Mrs E. Mitchell), N. Mitchell, 11-0 .. Mr N. Mitchell 7
120 Mistaya (Mrs S. Willis), D. Dale, 11-0 .. P. Haynes 5
121 0 Princely Mark (Mrs D. Meats), D. Barons, 11-0 .. S. May
122 30 Princess Pirate (R. Selman), C. Dingwall, 11-0 D. O'Donovan
124 Wiener Chic (Mrs J. Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 11-0 .. J. Burke
125 Yasinca (R. Till), I. Dudgeon, 11-0 .. R. Floyd 5
Evens Valmony, 5-1 Cabar Feidh, 11-2 Tornado Prince, 12-1 Darcy, Wiener Chic, 14-1 Iversay, 20-1 Bright Comet, Golden Rifle, 25-1 others.

1.15 CHELTENHAM TRIAL HURDLE (£2,206 : 2m 200yd)
201 1111-22 Comedy of Errors (CD) (E. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 8-11-10 K. White
202 41102-1 Flash Imp (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), M. Tate, 6-11-6 R. Evans
203 11233-0 Tree Tangle (D) (Mrs C. Williams), R. Turnell, 6-11-6 A. Turnell
204 3p Navigation (D. Samuel), D. Kent, 8-11-2 .. P. Haynes 5
205 112-013 Sea Pigeon (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 5-11-2 .. J. O'Neill
206 21f010- Raynham (Miss A. Thorley), D. Morley, 5-10-12 .. B. Barry
207 0 Rely (Mrs R. MacLeod), D. Morley, 5-10-12 .. B. R. Davies
11-10 Comedy of Errors, 100-30 Sea Pigeon, 11-2 Tree Tangle, 13-2 Flash Imp, 16-1 Navigation, 20-1 others.

1.50 MASSEY-FERGUSON GOLD CUP (Handicap Steeplechase : £7,418 : 2½m)
301 11-2141 Easby Abbey (Mrs W. Blow), M. H. Easterby, 8-11-10 R. Barry
302 1210pf- Bruslee (CD) (Mrs D. Rees-Davies), M. Scudamore, 9-11-7 D. Cartwright
303 2411-4u Centaur (CD) (R. Smith), F. Walwyn, 7-11-3 .. A. Branford
304 41112-0 Summerville (CD) (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 9-11-3 .. A. Turnell
305 214-22p London Express (D) (W. McFarlane), C. Bell, 7-11-2 M. Barnes
306 033-224 Credo's Daughter (J. Bolam), S. Woodman, 9-10-12 C. Goldsworthy
308 04p1-11 Poohbear (D) (Major D. Wigan), P. Cundell, 7-10-10 C. Read
309 1112-11 Royal Frolic (D) (Sir E. Hanmer), F. Rimell, 6-10-6 J. Burke
311 11313-2 Levelled Out (D) (Mrs E. Gaze), Mrs Gaze, 7-10-0 D. Barons
5-1 Summerville, 9-2 Bruslee, 5-1 Easby Abbey, 11-2 Poohbear, 7-1 London Express, 8-1 Credo's Daughter, 10-1 Royal Frolic, 12-1 others.

2.25 FRED WITHINGTON PATTERN STEEPLECHASE (£1,497 : 3m 1f)
401 341-121 Cancello (Major W. Burden), N. Crump, 6-11-11 .. D. Atkins
402 10210-2 Keening (J. Knox), C. Bewicke, 6-11-6 .. R. Barry
403 123012 Moonarise (A. Harinoll), A. Harinoll, 7-11-6 .. N. Wakley
404 00-p23u The Songwriter (P. Callander), J. Gibson, 6-11-6 .. M. Gibson
1-2 Cancello, 4-1 Keening, 7-1 Moonarise, 10-1 The Songwriter.

3.0 GEORGE STEVENS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £852 : 2m)
501 b1112-2 Mr Savin (Lord Mostyn), Lord Mostyn, 6-12-3 .. P. Morris
502 fp-222f Uncle Bing (Mrs J. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 6-12-1 N. Wakley
503 1-21424 Menchall (D) (Mrs R. Shand), F. Walwyn, 8-12-0 R. Barry
504 0021-2 Charley Arlie (Mrs R. Cunningham), F. Rimell, 6-11-2 K. White
506 0114-0 Holly Park (D) (Miss C. Crooks), Miss Crooks, 7-10-10 D. Cartwright
508 20302-3 Cartwheel (Major R. Dill), R. Dill, 9-10-2 .. J. Bishop 7
15-8 Charley Arlie, 4-1 Mr Savin, 9-2 Uncle Bing, 6-1 Menchall, 8-1 Holly Park, 12-1 Cartwheel.

3.30 NEWENT HURDLE (Handicap : £1,172 : 2m 200yd)
601 11-3020 Mad Mahdi (Mrs D. Meats), D. Barons, 5-12-1 .. S. May
602 (01-030 Mallord Grove (J. Parker), A. Birch, 7-12-0 .. S. Eccles 7
603 0311-00 Rosslare (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 6-11-13 .. E. Waite 7
604 10320-0 Drumwynk (Mrs H. Powell), D. Hanley, 6-11-11 .. R. Barry
607 31-2 Single Spur (J. Hughes), F. Cundell, 6-11-8 .. B. R. Davies
608 u10212- Tsuru (J. Cobden), J. Cobden, 5-11-7 .. B. Jones 5
611 13333-3 Glendale (J. Allison), J. Spearing, 8-10-12 .. Mr A. Wilson
612 021rp-p Super Trojan (Miss G. Elliot), J. Cann, 6-10-12 .. L. Lungo
613 4-33100 Croome (CD) (Mrs G. Phipps), D. Barons, 5-10-12 D. Cartwright
616 000 Doctor Domore (CD) (M. Marsh), M. Marsh, 8-10-10 M. Gifford
617 002101 Action Replay (H. Handel), H. Handel, 7-10-9 Mr M. Ayliffe 7
620 403-121 El Cardo (T. Whitley), Mrs Kennard, 5-10-6 .. P. Richards 7
621 20125-0 High Jump (R. Clarke), M. Tate, 4-10-5 .. R. Evans
625 00-0010 Hunting Song (CD) (R. Elliot), S. Cole, 7-10-3 A. Branford
627 Sea Brigand (Miss D. Condon), F. Walwyn, 6-10-0 M. Floyd 7
628 1200-0 Wells Fargo (Lord Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 5-10-0 A. Phillips 7
629 00050-3 Dr Hinos (J. Goff), O. O'Neill, 4-10-0 .. M. James 5
7-2 Single Spur, 9-2 El Cardo, 5-1 Rosslare, 7-1 Drumwynk, 10-1 Mad Mahdi, 12-1 Action Replay, 14-1 Glendale, High Jump, 16-1 Super Trojan, 20-1 others.

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12.45 Valmony. 1.15 Comedy of Errors. **1.50** Summerville. **2.25** CANCELLO is specially recommended. **3.0** Mr Savin. **3.30** Single Spur.

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12.45 Valmony. 1.15 Rely.

Lingfield Park selections

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1.0 Royal Exchange. *1.30 The Dance. 2.0 Pengrail. 2.30 SUCCESSOR* is specially recommended. 3.0 Manzoni. 3.30 Frozen Saint.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.0 Lovejoy. 3.0 Sweet Joe.

Catterick Bridge programme

[*Television* (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 *and* 2.45 *races*]

12.45 SINNINGTON HURDLE (Handicap : £340 : 2m)
1 310-000 Hello (CD) (C. Bainbridge), W. Atkinson, 7-12-1 .. P. Mangan
3 210-101 Casey Boy (D) (T. Stamper), Stamper, 9-11-8 Mr Hetherington 5
4 403003 King's Savings (D) (Mrs H. Vernon), J. Berry, 6-11-4 D. McAllister 7
5 f Dumbutt (D) (W. Whiston), Whiston, 10-11-3 .. P. Russell
6 413-p00 Donawalk (CD) (R. Falkingham), J. Fitzgerald, 5-11-3 T. Stack
7 0-1331 Fair Cop (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 5-11-2 .. K. McCauley
8 0320-p0 Katebird (D) (J. Turner), K. Whitehead, 5-11-1 ..
9 000- Roast Chestnut (Mrs V. Kay), D. Williams, 8-11-0 C. Tinkler
11 0 Endurance (K. Sutton), W. Whiston, 6-10-6 .. Mr Wilding 7
12 033210- Night Skite (D) (W. Robson), L. Shedden, 10-10-4 P. Salmon 7
13 000p-0p Trattoria (A. Smith), Smith, 5-10-4 .. J. Cullmane 7
14 000332 Sharina (Maj R. Faulkner), Faulkner, 7-10-4 John Fitzgerald 7
15 0000-00 Dow Jones (Mrs F. Walton), F. Walton, 6-10-2 Mr Walton 7
16 Gold Henry (J. Thomas), Thomas, 12-10-2 .. N. Tinkler 7
17 0-33422 Galadon (CD) (J. Barclay), J. Barclay, 9-10-2 Mr Barclay 5
18 f-0f0 Military Road (B. Kenyon), J. Berry, 4-10-1 .. K. Gray 5
21 00-0413 Summer Serenade (G. Tufts), R. Carter, 4-10-0 J. Scallan 5
22 000000- Camus (N. Scarth), C. Boothman, 12-10-0 .. P. Harman 7
23 000p-00 Micky Acklam (C. Dukes), Dukes, 5-10-0 .. K. Homes 7
24 p000-p0 Easy Come (J. Smith), Smith, 6-10-0 .. P. Kelly 7
25 f00-404 Spring Hole (R. Allan), Allan, 4-10-0 .. Mr McClelland 7
3-1 Hello, 9-2 Sharina, 5-1 Galadon, 6-1 Casey Boy, 8-1 Fair Cop, Night Skite, 10-1 King's Savings, 12-1 Donawalk, 14-1 others.

1.15 HURWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £408 : 3m 300yd)
3 243-10p Moldore's Son (Maj R. Faulkner), Faulkner, 9-12-0 Maj Faulkner 3
5 0-12 Wily Talke (J. Blundell), M. H. Easterby, 5-11-13 P. Broderick
6 02342f Devil's Soldier (R. Boland), W. Atkinson, 7-11-9 P. Mangan
7 0f0f-00 Gold Prince (R. Bethell), Bethell, 6-11-9 .. G. Holmes
10 00-322 Old Stephen (J. Walby), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-9 T. Stack
11 323-232 Royal Playboy (Mrs M. Dawson), Miss S. Hall, 9-11-9 C. Tinkler
12 p Sailors Rest (P. Murphy), J. Berry, 7-11-9 .. N. Tinkler
13 pofp2p- Salmon Retz (T. Hudson), Hudson, 9-11-9 .. Mr Hudson 7
14 00-uu3u Brasidas (Lord Cadogan), N. Crump, 5-11-8 .. C. Hawkins 7
7-4 Royal Playboy, 3-1 Wily Talke, 9-2 Old Stephen, 6-1 Devil's Soldier, 8-1 Brasidas, 12-1 Moldore's Son, 16-1 others.

1.45 ZETLAND HURDLE (Handicap : £544 : 3m 300yd)
1 212240- Go Bingo (G. Reed), S. Hall, 6-12-7 .. D. Munro
2 3-f1224 Lochar Moss (D. MacDonald), MacDonald, 10-11-13 C. Goulding 7
3 111100- Dux (C) (Mrs F. Gregory), S. Hall, 5-11-6 .. K. Goddard 7
4 123103 Hurry Back (J. Hubbock), Hubbock, 9-10-7 N. Tinkler
5 04-2111 Some Hazard (C) (R. Quincey), C. Tinkler, 10-10-7 N. Tinkler
7 f1002-0 Acropolis (CD) (F. Scotto), D. Williams, 8-10-1 .. R. Fletcher
8 2102-34 Puritan (B. Lovatt), A. Bacon, 5-10-0 .. P. Ennis
12 410040 Lone Wolf (J. Turner), Turner, 11-10-0 .. A. Taylor
15 230003 Bed (W. Arnold), M. James, 8-10-0 .. C. Tinkler
16 02-0000 Clever Prince (A. Seed), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-0 R. Collins 7
17 003200- Devon Mignon (R. Bethell), Bethell, 5-10-0 .. G. Holmes
18 00000 Camillus (H. Lane), Mrs J. Simpson, 10-10-0 .. A. Meaney
20 001-0p0 Joe-the-Nipper (R. Armstrong), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-0 T. Stack
21 020031- Nautilus (J. Adams), R. Blackshaw, 6-10-0 .. M. Blackshaw
7-2 *Dux, 4-1 Lochar Moss, 9-2 Go Bingo,* 5-1 Some Hazard, 6-1 Hurry Back, 7-1 Acropolis, 8-1 Puritan, 12-1 others.

2.15 CHARLES VICKERY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £857 : *3m 300yd*)
4 fou112 Collingwood (Mrs J. Tombs), M. Naughton, 9-11-1 C. Tinkler
6 4-11 Canharis (CD) (Lord Zetland), N. Crump, 10-10-10 C. Hawkins 7
11 3-42223 Tartan Tutor (CD) (R. Bethell), Bethell, 8-10-0 G. Holmes
12 1-31441 Baylord (J. Fawcett), G. Richards, 8-10-0 .. *D. Goulding*
8-11 Collingwood, 9-4 Canharis, 6-1 Tartan Tutor, 7-1 Baylord.

2.45 CLEVELAND STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £426 : 2m)
1 1-31312 Donohill (CD) (F. Tyldesley), A. Dickinson, 8-12-4 M. Dickinson
3 3-ff212 Wyse Hill (CD) (R. Baker), Denys Smith, 8-10-7 P. Broderick
5 241022 Kininvie (CD) (Mrs A. Burrell), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-5 T. Stack
7 24bfu-p Tatters Inn (CD) (J. Howie), Howie, 7-10-0 .. D. Goulding
8 334000 Tockwith (D) (Mrs A. Page), W. Page, 9-10-0 .. P. Ennis
9 0-p0333 Linarto (F. Colon), Colon, 4-10-0 .. A. Webber
5-4 Donohill, 2-1 Kininvie, 3-1 Wyse Hill, 10-1 Tatters Inn, 16-1 others.

3.15 BEDALE HURDLE (Handicap : £711 : 2m)
1 1310-0 Solid Silver (CD) (Mrs K. Newton), F. Carr, 6-12-7 M. Blackshaw
4 11214-0 Crown Court (D) (Mrs F. Walton), F. Walton, 5-11-0 Mr Walton
5 03201-4 Any Second (D) (W. Murray), Murray, 6-10-11 .. P. Mangan
6 10-0210 Romany Star (D) (F. Kerr), A. Bacon, 4-10-11 .. G. Shaw
7 30-3010 Cool Imp (D) (H. Rebanks), Rebanks, 4-10-5 .. P. Charlton 7
9 0-2f121 Fighting King (CD) (Mrs E. Dunn), Denys Smith, 4-10-1 A. Dickman
11 000-00 Carmoni Prince (Mrs R. Taylor), G. Richards, 5-10-0 D. Goulding
13 023-000 Mon Blou (CD) (Mrs M. Boothman), C. Boothman, 9-10-0 N. Tinkler
14 40 Carnival Jest (D) (Exors of the late W. Simpson), Mrs J. Simpson, 7-10-0 A. Meaney
15 003 Red Herring (D) (Mrs B. Archbold), C. Lamb, 6-10-0 R. Lamb
16 12-0020 Flowing River (F. Scotto), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-0 T. Stack
17 00-0230 Milesian Star (D) (N. Grainger), C. Tinkler, 6-10-0 C. Tinkler
19 23000-0 Arthurs Choice (Mrs A. Eyre), C. Boothman, 5-10-0 P. Harman 7
7-2 Any Second, 9-2 Fighting King, 5-1 Red Herring, 6-1 Crown Court, Romany Star, 8-1 Cool Imp, 10-1 Solid Silver, 14-1 Carmoni Prince, 16-1 others.

Catterick Bridge selections

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12.45 Fair Cop. 1.15 Wily Talke. 1.45 Some Hazard. 2.15 CANHARIS *is specially recommended.* 2.45 Kininvie. 3.15 Fighting King.

Lingfield Park programme

[*Television* (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 *and* 3.0 *races*]

1.0 WATERSIDE STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £340 : 2½m)
1 413010- Breakwater (J. Sumner), T. Forster, 6-11-12 .. G. Thorner
2 Ladoven (D. Evatt), Evatt, 6-11-12 .. Mr Evatt 5
5 004-p33 Midastone (A. Moore), Moore, 6-11-12 .. J. Jenkins
6 02130- Nagari (Mrs P. Buckley), P. Cundell, 6-11-12 .. V. Soane
7 02210- Rosslal (Mrs P. Thorpe), F. Winter, 6-11-12 .. J. Francome
8 443-f11 Royal Exchange (Mrs J. Gifford), J. Gifford, 7-11-12 ..
10 0-31 Sun Trap (D) (J. Bird), Miss A. Sinclair, 5-11-5 R. Rowell 7
11 32334 Gypsy Baron (G. Sibley), Mrs A. Oughton, 5-11-0 Mr Fowlston 7
13 300-4u0 Lovejoy (C. Rykens), Thomson Jones, 5-11-0 I. Watkinson
14 00f4p-0 My Sunshine (W. Whitbread), S. Mellor, 5-11-0 .. S. Jobar
14 0000-02 The Walrus (Capt J. Macdonald-Buchanan), D. Nicholson, 5-11-0 .. J. King
15 004010 Yasou (D) (J. Beazley), P. Cundell, 5-11-0 .. R. Kington 5
5-2 Royal Exchange, 3-1 Sun Trap, 5-1 Rosalni, 6-1 The Walrus, 8-1 Yasou, 10-1 Ladoven, Lovejoy, 16-1 others.

1.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifier : 4-y-o : £896 : 2m)
1 4-1110 Give Me Time (D) (Miss T. Macdonald), R. Smyth, 11-10 R. Forsyth 7
2 111040 What A Palaver (D) (Mrs J. Basham), D. Barons, 11-10 P. Leach 7
3 421 Sporadic (D) (Mrs M. Slade), J. Gifford, 11-7 .. R. Champion
4 f2-1 Barney Maclyvie (D) (R. Agnew), S. Mellor, 11-3 T. McGee 7
5 004-1 Perucio (D) (T. Morris), R. Akehurst, 11-3 .. J. King
6 2 Beacon Light (H. Joel), A. Turnell, 11-0 .. S. Knight 3
7 2 Czarist (M. Pearce), I. Wardle, 11-0 .. J. Francome
8 The Dunce (Duke of Devonshire), F. Walwyn, 11-0 W. Smith
11 0-0 Mr Mouse (D. Montagu), Miss A. Sinclair, 11-0 .. R. Rowell
13 0-f0033 Uncle Cyril (J. Leo), S. Matthews, 11-0 .. I. Gebbie 7
5-1 Barney Maclyvie, 4-1 Sporadic, 5-1 *Give Me Time,* 6-1 *The Dunce,* 13-2 Perucio, 10-1 Beacon Light, 12-1 Czarist, Mr Mouse, 16-1 others.

2.0 ERIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £1,760 : 3m)
1 42p1-4 Kilvulgan (C) (H. Joel), A. Turnell, 8-12-1 .. J. King
2 1110p- Royal Marshal II (D) (J. Sumner), T. Forster, 8-11-11 G. Thorner
3 22021-2 Pengrail (Mrs G. Morton), F. Winter, 7-11-6 .. J. Francome
4 1123-23 *Lord Browndodd* (D) (J. Brazil), P. Cundell, 7-11-1 R. Kington 5
6 14101-3 Black Tudor (CD) (F. Chapman), G. Kindersley, 7-11-0 W. Shoemark
7 3-f0233 Polymic (J. Cobden), Cobden, 9-10-13 .. R. Linley
8 1u0fu-3 *Even Up (N. Whitcomb), Mrs A. Oughton, 8-10-13 R. Champion*
9 1p210p- Clarification (CD) (Lord Dulverton), R. Armytage, 8-10-12 Mr Parkyn
10 p00f13- Barona (CD) (W. Whitbread), R. Armytage, 9-10-9 P. Kelleway
11 2u10-11 Colondine (CD) (Mrs E. Dudgeon), I. Dudgeon, 8-10-9 *B. Forsey*
12 12fb-4p Royal Measure (D) (P. White), A. Moore, 10-10-2 R. Atkins
11-1 Lord Browndodd, 7-2 Pengrail, 11-2 Colondine, 6-1 Polymic, 8-1 Royal Marshall II, 10-1 Even Up, Kilvulgan, 12-1 Black Tudor, 16-1 others.

2.30 LADBROKE LEADERS HURDLE (Handicap : £3,984 : 2½m)
1 21232-0 Super Nova (J. Mitchell), M. Camacho, 5-12-3 .. R. Forsyth 7
2 32211-0 Sunyboy (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 5-11-11 .. W. Smith
3 01114-0 *Tip The Wink* (M. Simmonds), P. Taylor, 5-11-9 .. A. Carroll 7
4 400-000 True Song (Mrs J. Underwood), D. Underwood, 6-11-8 G. Enright 5
7 11-0112 Simons Pet (D) (Mrs O. Jackson), F. Winter, 4-11-6 J. Guest 5
9 10210- Nougat (M. Vickers), J. Gifford, 5-10-13 .. R. Champion
10 121-34 *Successor* (D) (Mrs C. Williams), A. Turnell, 6-10-13 N. Mitchell 7
11 1p0-040 Golden Duckling (J. Brazley), P. Cundell, 4-10-12 R. Kington 5
13 The Swell (CD) (Mrs D. Riley-Smith), M. Francis, 8-10-11 P. Kelleway
14 2123-20 Shinto (S. Bosley), D. *Nicholson,* 8-10-10 .. J. Suthern
15 231021- Master Spy (D) (Mrs T. Sainsbury), T. Forster, 6-10-7 J. Francome
16 300-414 Lyon del Mar (Group Capt H. Tudor), R. Akehurst, 6-10-7 J. King
17 4001-1 *Forbidden Fruit (D) (G. Cooper), T. Forster, 5-10-7 G. Thorner*
18 334-000 Thatch Acre (D. Robinson), J. Perrett, 7-10-7 .. L. Griffiths 3
21 100-f03 Ektoras (R. Keel), S. Matthews, 5-10-7 .. I. Gebbie 7
4-1 Simons Pet, 9-2 Shinto, 6-1 Super Nova, 7-1 Sunyboy, 10-1 Forbidden Fruit, Tip the Wink, 12-1 Successor, True Song, 16-1 Lyon del Mar, Master Spy, 20-1 others.

3.0 SUMMIT JUNIOR HURDLE (3-y-o : £2,824 : 2m)
2 Ballador (D. Thorne), G. Balding, 11-0 .. *R. Linley*
3 Brandenbourg (J. Gaisford), D. Barons, 11-0 .. P. Leach
4 1 Brenn (D) (D. Sanger), D. Nicholson, 11-0 .. J. Suthern
5 2 Charlie M (Mrs B. Chandler), M. Masson, 11-0 .. P. Kelleway
7 p Desert Wind (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 11-0 .. W. Smith
10 000424 *Glanfield (M. Bolton), Bolton, 11-0 .. P. Wilson*
11 Lone Eagle (Mrs I. Dowhurst), F. Winter, 11-0 .. J. Francome
12 Lytham (H. Denton), J. Sutcliffe, 11-0 .. R. G. Hughes
13 142 Magic Summer (D) (I. Allen), R. Smyth, 11-0 .. J. King
15 11 Manzoni (D) (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 11-0 .. W. Shoemark
16 020010 *Merchant Prince (D. Woollard), M. Bolton, 11-0 ..*
17 Mount Street (S. Matthews), Matthews, 11-0 .. I. Gebbie
18 Sonseeahray (H. Collins), M. Masson, 11-0 .. J. Galo
20 The Space Kart (J. Colley), J. Sutcliffe, 11-0 .. G. Thorner
22 Sportsky (H. Demetriou), R. Smyth, 11-0 .. R. Forsyth
23 *Staff Sergeant (E. London), F. Winter, 11-0 .. J. Guest 5*
24 122 Sweet Joe (M. Hitzenberg), Thomson Jones, 11-0 I. Watkinson
26 Town Farm (Mrs A. Tooill), P. Taylor, 11-0 .. A. Carroll
28 003 Wophen (D. Weatherley), P. Cole, 11-0 .. R. Champion
5-2 Brenn, 7-2 Manzoni, 5-1 Charlie M, 6-1 Magic Summer, 13-2 Sweet Joe, 10-1 *Lone Eagle,* 12-1 *Desert Wind,* 20-1 *others.*

3.30 ASHDOWN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £408 : 2½m)
2 1f2p- Our Edition (W. Whitbread), S. Mellor, 8-11-9 .. *S. Jobar*
5 113010- Colonel Mustard (D) (Mrs M. Wiggin), T. Forster, 7-11-5 G. Thorner
7 1ff10-0 Sydney Carton (K. Cooper), G. Kindersley, 6-10-13 W. Shoemark
8 024214- Bold Mariner (C) (G. Drinkwater), R. Atkins, 9-10-8 R. Atkins
9 40-0311 Frozen Saint (Mrs J. Ramsay), Mrs A. Oughton, 7-10-2 N. Holman 5
10 310230- Brown Jock (Mrs A. Lawe), R. Armytage, 7-10-0 .. Mr Parkyn
11 0-32444 Utah (C. Barker), A. Moore, 11-10-0 .. J. Jenkins
7-4 Frozen Saint, 7-2 Colonel Mustard, 9-2 Utah, 6-1 Sydney Carton, 10-1 *Brown Jock, Our Edition,* 14-1 Bold Mariner.

Cheltenham results

12.45 (12.46) **KINETON STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £811: 2m)
No Defence, b g, by No Argument—Bellita (Mrs C. Harvey), 6-10-13 R. Mangan (evens fav) 1
Capuchin, b g, by Espresso—Siberina (E. Conrane), 6-10-10 J. Barlow (5-2) 2
Little Andy, b g, by Little Buskins—French Ann (Mrs H. O'Neill), 6-11-4 .... M. James (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 33-1 Alice's Boy (4th). 4 ran
TOTE: Win, 20p; forecast, 36p. D. Nicholson, at Stow-on-the-Wold. 3l, 20l.

1.15 (1.16) **BRISTOL LONG DISTANCE HURDLE** (Div I: £662: 3m)
Son and Heir, b g, by Le Prince—Killossery (B. Perry), 5-11-5 R. Brogan (20-1) 1
Stublick, ch g, by Fury Royal—Linosa II (F. Worley), 5-11-5 R. Barry (6-1) 2
April Count, b g, by Honour Bound—April Again (Mrs G. Cuffing), 7-11-0 .... R. Kington (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Mr McMandy, 7-1 Watafella, 12-1 Walberswick (4th), 16-1 Sealine, 20-1 Carrig River, 33-1 Fr Cannin, Black Auster, Glanelle Prince (pu), Hullo Again, Little Lou Lou, Mrs Simmons (pu), Purple Emblem, Thomond, Toruild Pet (pu), Windsor Glade. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.60; places, 39p, 21p, 26p. J. Edwards, at Leominster. 3l, 6l.

1.45 (1.50) **TONY TEACHER STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £932: 3m 1f)
Rubstick, br g, by I Say—Leuze (J. Douglas), 6-10-0 J. J. O'Neill (11-10 on fav) 1
Late Night Extra, b g, by Even Money—Rockview Beauty (Mrs P. Brown), 10-0 R. Kington (100-30) 2
Vulcans Fire, b g, by Vulcan—Fireaway (C. Hambro), 9-10-5 K. B. White (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 16-1 Trooper (4th). 4 ran
TOTE: Win, 17p; forecast, 35p. G. Richards, at Penrith. 5l, 7l.

2.20 (2.23) **BATH NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE** (£772: 2m)
The Dene, b g, by *Aggressor*—Andrea (K. Pearce), 5-11-2 Red Weaver (33-1) 1
Dads Army, b g, by March Past—Orabella II (Mrs J. Colston), 5-11-7 .... D. Cartwright (8-1) 2
Four New Pence, b m, by Spartan General—Dawn Fancy (Mrs B. Peskin), 7-11-2 R. Barry (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: Evens fav Accord (f), 7-2 Killagurteen (bd), 25-1 Gay Viking (f), 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.23; places, £1.31, 44p; forecast, £21.72. H. O'Neill, at Rugby. 2l, nk.

2.55 (2.57) **JOE CORAL HURDLE** (Handicap: £958: 3m)
Sonny Somers br g, by Will Somers—Adalough (Dr P. Brown), 13-11-5 .... R. Kington (9-1) 1
Markarajah, b g, by Indian Ruler—Finmark (A. Stevens), 6-10-0 *W. Shoemark* (12-1) 2
Bevin Boy, ch g, by Royal Avenue—Once For All (P. Hamilton), 7-10-12 .... D. Jefferies (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Kilboy, 7-2 Gunner Smith, 8-1 *Hurry Imp,* 12-1 Modigliani (p), 14-1 Inventory, 33-1 When Lad, 16-1 Kastrup, Sea Fern, Semi-Colon, 18-1 Saffron Cake, 33-1 Chanter Mark, Cinqueloe, Half Truth, Stockings, *Linbury Lass* (4th). First four qualify 18 ran.
TOTE: Win 75p; places, 24p, 27p, 30p, 37p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 3l, 3l.

3.25 BRISTOL NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £656: 3m)
Posh Saree, br g, by Indian Ruler—Solnadene (Mrs D. Ancil), 5-11-5 N. Wakley (8-1) 1
Nadir, b g, by Negrasco—Nekanda (G. Schjelderup), 8-11-10 T. Dahl (5-6) 2
Che King, br g, by Space King—Che Bella (Mrs G. Paterson), 5-11-5 .... James Guest (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Queens Treasure (f), 16-1 Mariners Goudeas, 20-1 Duelling Light, Lorac, 33-1 Ascensure, 40-1 Joint Affair, 50-1 General Tam, Indium (4th), Squaw 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 67p; places, 16p, 12p, 14p. D. Ancil, at Banbury. 2½l, 7l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Rubstick, Sonny Somers, £5.80. TREBLE: Son and Heir, The Dene, Posh Saree, £13?.85 (paid on first two legs only). JACKPOT: £6,000 carried over for today.

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1.0 (1.5) **CATERHAM HURDLE** (Div I: £408: 2m)
Fin, b h, by Le Fabuleux—Fine Taille (A. Clore), 6-11-6 *P. Haynes* (5-1) 1
Major Tory, ch h, by Major Portion—Victorian Era (Maj J. Pope), 6-11-12 S. C. Knight (5-1) 2
Boy Desmond, ch c, by *Queen's* Hussar—Gypsy Refrain (G. Scudder), 4-11-4 J. King (100-30 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Merry Boy, 8-1 Liberty Lawyer, 14-1 Tudor Mystery, 16-1 Crestino, 20-1 Monkey Touch, Noble Token, Pikey, Queens College, 33-1 Great Crack (4th), Ardlair, Conshill, April Girl, Heipe Prince, Billycock, Marshall Croft, The Purser, Kilabe. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 21p, 20p, 16p. D. Kent, Chichester. 3l, 4l. *Briggs and Thaddeus did not run.*

1.30 (1.34) **CROWNHURST STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £334: 2m)
Phillip the Bold, b g, by Manicou—M.K.J. (Maj A. Barlow), 9-10-1 G. Thorner (14-1) 1
Persian Camp, b g, by Bivouac—Artistic Goddess (Mrs A. Arnold), 7-10-13 .. B. R. Davies (9-2) 2
Saint Accord, br g, by Kythnos—Nestan—Dareiani (J. Hawkins), 9-10-2 .... N. Holman (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 *fav Isle of Man,* 100-30 Zeta's Son, 7-1 Osbaldeston (4th), 9-1 Trust Vulgan. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.30; places, £2.07, 40p; dual forecast, £5.13. Captain Forster, Wantage. 2½l, head.

2.0 (2.0) **LEWES HURDLE** (Handicap: 4-y-o: £408: 2½m)
Just Jolly, b f, by Jolly Jet—Not *For Porchas* (Mrs B. Thomson), 10-4 .... A. Carroll (8-1) 1
Slievereagh, br g, by Varano—Bee Flight (Mrs M. Valentine), 10-4 J. Francome (9-4 fav) 2
Uncle Leslie, ch c, by Tompion—Brinnley (Mrs W. Greenwood), 10-10 ...... B. R. Davies (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Aztec Star, 8-1 Mandy Boy, Ross du Vin, 14-1 King Shaw, 25-1 Bonk (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 26p, 14p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.54. P. M. Taylor, Upper Lambourn. 2½l, 2l. *Listercombe did not run.*

2.30 (2.32) **OXTED STEEPLECHASE** (Novices: £825: 2m)
Perambulate, bl g, by Takawalk II—Thornawilla (Mrs D. Meats), 6-11-6 .... S. May (5-2) 1
Sycamore, gr h, by Roan Rocket—Pistacchio (Lady Rootes), 6-11-10 .... R. Champion (9-4) 2
Hardier, br g, by Halwell—Dinrvilla (A. Beally), 7-11-10 I. Watkinson (evens fav) 3
TOTE: Win, 28p; forecast, 69p. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge. 6l, 15l. 3 ran.

3.0 (3.1) **BLINDLEY HEATH STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £955: 3m)
Le Robslan, b h, by Kythnos—Sissi (S. Powell), 7-10-0 A. Webber (20-1) 1
Mr Snowman, b g, by *Arctic Slave*—Foyle Maiden (Ld Leverhulme), 6-11-3 G. Thorner (5-1) 2
Another Muddle, bl g, by Entanglement—Another Message (Mrs M. *Richards*), 6-11-1 S. Jobar (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Real Sharn (4th), 13-2 Cool Affair, 9-1 Indian Cottage, 10-1 Mirvin, 20-1 Flyervale (p), 33-1 My Virginian. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.20; places, 25p, 41p, 14p; dual forecast, £2.28. D. Kent, at Chichester. 6l, sh hd.

3.30 (3.33) **CATERHAM HURDLE** (Novices: Div II: £408: 2m)
Red Power, b g, by Kibenka—Lampo (Mrs O. Jackson), 6-11-9 J. Francome (9-4) 1
Pinchow, br c, by Shantung—Spare Filly (S. Powell), 4-11-1 *P. Haynes* (6-1) 2
Dan Pablo, b h, by Dapper Dan—Gazpacho (J. Morley), 5-12-1 B. R. Davies (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Perversity, 7-1 Manny Boy, 16-1 Fair Tactics (4th), 33-1 Angels Five, Kempton Lad, Kiontina, Sousocks, Verona Bay, Justino, Le Bal Musette, More Music, Welsh Count. *16 ran.*
TOTE: Win, 72p; places, 14p, 32p, 13p. F. T. Winter, at Lambourn. Nk, 8l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Just Jolly and Le Robslan, £36.20. TREBLE: Philip The Bold, Perambulate and Red Power, £178.80.

Motor racing

Hesketh cars continue in Wolf's clothing

By John Blunsden

The cars which the Hesketh *racing team* ran during the past season will be seen in action again next year after all, but they will *be known* as Williams and will run in a colour scheme of dark blue and gold. As a result of a three-year agreement just concluded between the Reading-based Frank Williams team and a 36-year-old Austrian businessman Walter Wolf, the cars, which include the latest design hitherto known as the Hesketh 308C, will appear in all world championship races *in* 1976.

Although he has yet to sign his contract, it is confidently expected that the Belgian driver, Jacky Ickx, who left the Lotus team mid-way through the 1975 season, will be the new leader *of* the Frank Williams team, while his No 2 driver will be the young Italian *Renzo Zorzi,* who won the Formula Three race at Monaco this year and was given his first Formula One drive in a Williams-Ford last September, in the *Italian* Grand Prix.

Mr Wolf, who has interests in the oil industry, has also signed a three-year contract with the former Hesketh chief designer, Dr *Harvey Postlethwaite, who* will act as chief development engineer for the Williams team with particular responsibilities for the further development of the 308C car.

Frank Williams's No 1 driver during 1975, the French Jacques Laffite, has been t[o] the new car recently unveile[d] the former grand prix driver, Ligier, which is powered b[y] French Matra 12-cylinder e[ngine]. Although it had been expecte[d] Jean-Pierre Beltoise would [make] his Formula One comeback a[s] first driver of the Ligier-Mat[ra] is now virtually certain tha[t the] job has been given to Laffite.

Graham Hill and Tony [Brise] were to have been presented [with] trophies at a British R[acing] Drivers' Club function at [the] Dorchester Hotel, London, [last] night. Hill was to have rec[eived] an engraved silver tray to [mark] *his outstanding* career. Br[ise] young driver in the Embass[y] formula one team, was to [have] been presented with the Cobb Trophy, awarded to a [British] driver in a British car for [out]standing successes.

Hill's widow will receiv[e] award at a later date. [...] dominated formula Atlantic season and his trophy accepted by Ted Savory. Hunt, who is negotiating [a for]mula one contract followin[g the] collapse of *Hesketh Racing,* three trophies and Lord Ale[xander] Hesketh, the team's p[atron] received the private en[trant] award.

Derek Bell, Jim Walsh, Jordan, Brian Redman and Jones—all drivers—also re[ceived] trophies.

Hockey

Slough stick artists mount show of the season

By Sydney Friskin

Interest in the hockey fixtures for this weekend is maintained at club and county *level. There is* the eagerly awaited London League match between Slough, *top* with a percentage of 88.71, and Hounslow, sixth with 62.96, at Hounslow. *That these teams* will meet in the southern final of the national *club championship* on December 21 makes today's match all the more interesting.

Slough are doing well despite having lost Brookeman, a member of the Great Britain party who has gone to Hounslow. Many of Slough's successes have been designed by their brilliant stick artists in which coterie Saini is playing so well that he must come back into the reckoning as an England prospect.

Nor for that matter do Hounslow fall short of quality with Woodbridge, Thomson, Smith, Grimmer, Sibia and Brookeman in *their* ranks. This could be the best match of the season in this competition in which Blackheath, Southgate, Guildford and Teddington are *in* hot pursuit of Slough.

The Midlands hope to complete their quarter-final round in the *national club championship* tomorrow but there is a slight snag. Because of complications concerning the eligibility of a player the Leicestershire club final between *Ashby* and Loughborough Sn[...] had to be postponed last [...] and will be played today at [...]. The line-up for the Mi[dlands] quarter-final is : *Cannock* v [...]baston, Derwent v Northa[mpton] Saints, Nottingham v St[...] *Worcester* v *Ashby or L*[ough]borough Students. The favo[urites] here are *Nottingham who* [have] several county players incl[uding] Watson, a fluent striker of corners, to assist them.

Among the best of tomor[row's] matches are the *two divi[sional]* ones in the county champio[nship] sponsored by Benson and H[edges] —the eastern final between [Hert]fordshire and Lincolnshire [at St] Albans, starting at 1.45, an[d the] southern final between Susse[x and] Middlesex at East Grinstead.

The south final is an e[mo]tional occasion for *Sussex,* [who] *have never won this title wh[ile]* Middlesex have won it seven t[imes]. Both teams finished top of groups on goal average aft[er an] absorbing tussle which br[ought] about the elimination of St[...] Hampshire, Kent and Bucking*hamshire among the more fa*[voured] teams.

In the eastern section honours have been spread a more evenly with Hertford winning the title seven times Lincolnshire four. The teams tomorrow's finals are :

Cricket

Sponsor found for six-a-side winter cricket

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The Wrigley Foundation, cricket's most self-effacing sponsors, have signed a new three-year agreement with the National *Cricket Association, whereby* they will make £10,000 available each year for the development of youth cricket. They have also undertaken to sponsor the national six-a-side indoor competition, now in its first year, with the semi-final and final stages due to be played at the Sobell Centre, Islington, on March 13, 1976.

Since 1973 *over* 12,500 *boys* (and girls) have passed the Wrigley proficiency award tests. The foundation have also financed coaching courses and helped towards the cost of tours overseas made by junior sides. The idea *of the six-a-side tournament* is to provide a winter interest for the clubs, on whom more depends now that there is less cricket played at the schools than there used to be.

Most of the 38 county cricket associations are *running* their own eliminating competitions. The winners of these will go into the regional finals, which will provide the semi-finalists for March 13. The rules of the game may be adjusted according to the scope of the playing area, but *generally* speaking one run is scored if the batsman hits the side or back walls, and two more if he and his partner complete a run for the stroke. A drive to the straight wall is worth four, a full pitch on *to it,* six. The *matches are of* 12 overs a side, bowled from one end only ; but no doubt you will be seeing it all on television before the game moves out of doors again.

Cross-country

Oxford call up Ewers and Etchells

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Sadly missing on the occa[sion] today of the eighty-fifth cr[oss]-country match between Ox[ford] and Cambridge, at Mem[...] Fields, Kingston Vale, will be [the] headquarters of the organ[ising] club, Thames Hare and Hou[nds]. Last summer the King's H[ead], Roehampton, a venerable inn [with] a firm link with the birth of [one of the] most English of sports, was to[tally] destroyed by fire so that [sup]porters and reporters coul[d no] longer take a warming glass [while] the runners changed in the lo[ft].

The start at 3.0 today is a[t the] north-east corner of the Mem[...] Fields

Of the 84 previous ma[tches] Cambridge have won 45 [and] Oxford 39. Cambridge were [suc]cessful from 1969 to 1973 bu[t last] year Oxford won clearly [by 30] points to 49. Ewers, who fi[nished] fourth for Oxford last year [will] be making a record fifth ap[pear]ance for the dark blues a[s the] rules of eligibility have appa[rently] been changed. Oxford als[o call] upon Etchells, who last yea[r was] first equal with another Ox[ford runner] Goater, in 39min 55sec.

OXFORD: C. N. Brodie (Et[on and] Magdalen), A. J. Etchells (Mar[...] GS and St John's), W. A. [...] (King Edwards, Birmingham [and] Worcester), P. J. Irvine ([...] (Sir Thomas Rich's GS, Gl[oucester] and St Peter's), V. P. LeGrand [...] Cathedral School and Merto[n]), [...] May (Judd and Trinity), G. [Rey]nolds (King Edward VII Sheffi[eld and] New College), H. Symonds ([...] University and St Catherine's). CAMBRIDGE: J. Austin (D[...] HS and Queens'), M. W. Green[...]ford GS and Gonville and [Caius]), N. W. Ingram (Auckland [...] Clare), D. Kennedy (Bradford [...] Downing), D. E. Macarthur [...]dashers' Aske's and Queen's), [...] Monk (King's College Taunt[on and] Queens'), L. S. Peck (Quee[n...] GS Walsall and Jesus), G. S. [...] (captain) (King James GS Alm[ondbury] and St John's).

Boxing

Stracey's camp confident age difference will tell

Mexico City, Dec 5.—The British welterweight challenger, John Stracey, was resting today after *easing up on training to conserve* his weight for his world title bout tomorrow against José Napoles, of Mexico. But the champion, facing his seventeenth title bout in the division, put in a full day's work in the gym and hours in the steam *bath to shed several* excess pounds.

Stracey's manager, Terry Lawless, said his man did the last of his six-mile cross country runs in Mexico City's main park yesterday just to keep in shape, but did no sparring or other exercises. Stracey, who took a day off from training earlier in the week, rested *most of yesterday, and was still* about 2lb under the 10st 7lb upper limit for welterweights.

The previous day the 25-year-old Briton put in about 90 minutes' intensive work and looked much happier with the thin mountain air than he had a week before. He said he had overcome the breathing problems which bothered him considerably when he first arrived nearly three weeks ago, and was now happy with the prospect of going the full 15 *rounds.* "*If the* knockout is there on offer I will take it, but if not I will go for points over the full distance or finish him any other way", he said.

Stracey said Napoles, whose age varies from 35 to 39 in local records, was no longer aggressive and has slowed down considerably in his two successful d[efences] earlier this year against A[rmando] Muniz, of the United Sta[tes].

Stracey was watched in [training] by his girl friend, 18-[year-old] blonde Michelle Morris, w[ho flew] here earlier this week wit[h some] 20 other London suppor[ters to] watch tomorrow's bout [in the] 44,000-seat Bullring here. S[tracey's] camp were putting much [...] faith in their boxer's youth [and] hard punching, but Napo[les told] reporters last night he a[...] knock out the challenger. [...] old man will be around [for a] while yet", he added.

Meanwhile the *British* pr[omoter], Micky Duff, said the W[BC had] agreed in writing that i[f there] was any *doubt about* th[e result] they would order a rem[atch on] neutral territory. Last w[eek] Duff, negotiating on S[tracey's] behalf, was forced by t[he] boxing commission to acc[ept] Mexican officials. But [...] Stracey's purse increase[d from] $40,000 (about £20,000) to [a] figure of $45,000 in compe[nsation] according to *local boxing* [...] —Reuter.

Live commentary on the [bout be]*tween Stracey and Napoles* [can be] heard on BBC (Radio [...]) 11.2 pm.

John McCluskey *is con*[sidering] an offer to defend his [...] flyweight boxing title aga[inst] Welshman Wayne Evans, [...] who stopped him in one [...] at Hamilton Town Hall las[t ...]

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Mr Varley rules ut workers' lea for £8m loan o rescue NVT

lifford Webb

Eric Varley, Secretary of for Industry, yesterday ted a workers' plan to n the Wolverhampton cycle factory of Norton rs Triumph with the help £8m government loan.

urged the workers to end four-month occupation and the liquidator to proceed e hope that some jobs be saved.

the action committee represents the remaining workers—there were 1,600 ugust when the liquidator installed—rejected Mr y's appeal. Instead it nced plans for raising e capital.

Ray Durman, secretary of action committee, said ntly: "Mr Varley has ed us to give up the ation and allow the idation to proceed. You walk out of a place you occupied since August there is no hope, and that from the case."

Tom Potter, the committ- spokesman, said they were rprised by Mr Varley's r. They had only gone with the "charade" of ng Mr Gerald Kaufman at Department of Industry on uesday to give the Govern- the opportunity of a last- te change of mind.

said: "It is the view of action committee that Eric y has made a serious of judgment in not supporting the Wolverhampton factory, but this will in no way affect the final outcome.

"A meeting is being convened in London on Wednesday between commercial bankers, American financiers and a private overseas financier to discuss reopening the factory."

Mr Durman added: "One of these has already sent a letter of intent to the liquidator. We cannot say who he is, but we have a firm intent to begin production of our new revolutionary engine and motorbike at this factory in the near future."

Mr Varley, in a letter to Mr Bob Edwards, MP for Wolverhampton South-east, said the plans as outlined were "not nearly precise enough". Because they envisaged entry into the market for low-powered motor cycles with models which would not be available for two years, there was a high risk of failure.

"Our conclusion, I am afraid, is that the proposals which you put to me do not hold sufficient prospect of viability to justify our committing to them the substantial sums of money required, and no useful purpose would be served in considering them further."

Mr Edwards said the government decision was "dreadfully disappointing" and Mrs Renee Short, MP for Wolverhampton North-east, added: "It is depressing, and a great blow to the workers".

Supervision order for three Greek banks

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Dec 5

Three Greek banks controlled and operated by Professor Stratis Andreadis, the well-known Greek financier, were put under compulsory management by the government tonight.

They are the Commercial Bank of Greece, the Ionian and Popular Bank of Greece, and the Investment Bank SA.

The currency committee, watchdog of the country's currency, credit and banking practices, announced that "strong suspicions" had emerged of violations of banking rules in 1972 and 1973 as well as "irregularities due to acts of commission or omission by the managements of the three banks".

It was therefore decided to appoint provisional state commissioners to the banks who would take charge and carry out a detailed control.

If the irregularities were confirmed, the commissioners would take up a permanent appointment while Professor Andreadis and his two sons would forfeit the right to manage the banks.

Professor Andreadis was not accessible for comment tonight. Last July his younger son, Alexander, married Miss Christina Onassis.

Professor Andreadis controls a vast financial group which includes a large shipbuilding yard at Elefsis, a fleet of merchant ships, a fertilizer industry in northern Greece, the Athens-Piraeus underground railway and the Athens Hilton hotel.

The Commercial Bank and the Ionian and Popular Bank have total assets worth over £880m and deposits totalling £740m.

The Investment Bank was founded in 1962 with the help of foreign banks, including Montagu, Samuel and Barclays Bank International. It has total assets of £46m.

Plessey extends rights issue to US

By Ronald Pullen

Plessey, the telecommunications and electronics group, is making a rights issue to both its United Kingdom and United States shareholders which will raise between £25.2m and £28.3m.

The exact amount depends on the success of the United States issue, which is not being underwritten. Merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson have arranged the underwriting of the £25.2m to be raised in the United Kingdom.

The issue, on a 1-for-4 basis at 60p, is comparatively finely pitched against yesterday's closing price of 75p—down 3p on the news—though the shares have lately traded at around 80p.

Assuming that all the dollar shares are taken up, Plessey's issued capital will rise by 47.2 million to 234 million shares.

Apart from the size of the issue, which makes it one of the largest fund-raising exercises by an industrial company this year, the other feature of the offer is that Plessey has been prepared to run the gauntlet of the stringent United States reporting requirements to make it available to American holders as well, most of whom hold their dollar ordinary shares in the form of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs).

However, because of the need to comply with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission rules, further details of the issue, including a full year profits forecast, will have to await publication of the prospectus there, details of which will be posted to shareholders on December 19.

Plessey's pre-tax profits for the six months to the end of September dropped £3¼m to £17m.

There are no specific reasons for the offer other than that the company wants to be in better position to take advantage of the economic upturn. Plessey reckons that when this arrives existing cash resources would be insufficient to finance higher working capital requirements and capital investment.

In the short run, the money will be used to reduce bank borrowings which stood at £29m in the last balance sheet. Borrowings in the current year have not increased though half-time interest charges rose because of the adverse effects of exchange rate movements on overseas loans.

Though Plessey is far from being highly geared with loans amounting to only 25 per cent of shareholders' funds in the last balance sheet, the proceeds from the rights issue will further strengthen the equity base and enable the company to borrow more should the need arise when the recession is over.

EEC's first petrodollar loan may go to Eire

From David Cross
Brussels, Dec 5

The Irish Republic is expected to become the first EEC member to use the perrodollar loan facility agreed by the Community to help member countries with balance of payments problems.

According to well-informed sources in Brussels, the Irish are expected to obtain up to $200m (nearly £100m) under conditions which have now been worked out by the European Commission. These are understood to involve certain economic policy guidelines which the Dublin government will be required to follow over the coming months.

The Irish share of the loan, which the Community set at a maximum of $3,000m just over a year ago, would be used to offset the £60m deficit on current account expected to emerge during the current financial year.

The European Commission, which has been negotiating with oil-producing countries for petrodollar funds, has so far been able to raise only about $500m. Some oil producers who were originally prepared to put up funds have subsequently reallocated their petrodollars more quickly than they once foresaw.

Because they have already made arrangements to borrow from the International Monetary Fund, the British—once potential borrowers—are, for the time being at least, no longer interested. This is partly because the scale of funds at present available is too modest.

Paraffin will go up by 6p a gallon

By Roger Vielvoye

Paraffin is to cost an extra 6p a gallon from midnight tomorrow. The Government announced yesterday it had approved new maximum retail prices of 36p and 37p a gallon in many urban areas and 36½p and 37½p a gallon elsewhere.

Higher paraffin prices are bound to cause hardship as a large proportion is bought by needy families.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that he regretted any increase in the price as the fuel was "of special importance to low-income users".

The oil companies had originally asked the Government to increase paraffin prices by between 6p and 9p a gallon and the retailers were pressing for an additional 3p a gallon on their margins, which could have produced up to 12p a gallon increase.

After the trimming of the applications by the Department of Energy the companies will receive 4½p a gallon, the remaining 1½p going to retailers.

New maximum retail prices cover fuel sold from dealers' premises. Fuel sold from tankers direct to the customers carries a government-approved premium of 1½p a gallon.

Special law enables New York to pay $135m municipal wage bill

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Dec 5

New York City today got the $135m (about £66.6m) it needed to pay the wages of municipal employees and to meet other operating expenses.

But the way the city raised the money has deeply unsettled bond market experts, given rise to new anxieties among city employees and established precedents which may have wide-ranging implications for the future administration of American pension funds.

The city's employee pension funds promised to buy $2,500m of New York Municipal Assistance Corporation bonds in the next two years as part of the package of state measures needed to win President Ford's support for legislation to give federal aid to the city.

Congress is still debating the aid measure and in the meantime the city, which now has run out of cash, is being saved by the pension funds alone.

However, to provide the city with the required $135m the pension funds were forced to sell some of the corporate bonds they hold in their portfolio.

The bond market has been so unsettled by the prospect of huge sales by the pension funds that prices are weak and the funds actually had to sell corporate bonds with a face value of $155.6m to raise the amount needed.

Trustees to the pension funds were well aware that to take such losses and buy Municipal Assistance Corporation bonds (the corporation uses the revenue from the sale of its bonds to help the city with its cash needs) would be a direct violation of existing pension fund law.

To avoid lawsuits for jeopardizing the solidity of the funds and weakening the possible retirement benefits due to municipal employees, the trustees maintained that a new law was needed to protect them before they could go ahead and buy the Municipal Assistance Corporation obligations.

Late last night the New York State Legislature passed just such legislation and thus saved the city from going bankrupt today.

The legislation absolves the trustees of the pension funds from liability resulting from losses on their investments.

The new law reduces the rights of contributors to the pension funds and, according to some experts, it could be a licence for pension fund trustees to return to the ways of the bad old days and misuse totally the money they ought to invest prudently.

Meanwhile, the bond market is also unsettled by the fact that, unless Congress and President Ford complete the federal aid legislation in the next week, the pension funds will be forced to sell a total of up to $350m of corporate bonds in the market to bail out the city once again. Such huge sales are bound to undermine the market, brokers say.

Market experts are also deeply concerned that investors will now be less and less enthusiastic to buy municipal securities. The forced New York State moratorium on the repayment of $1,600m of New York City notes is undermining confidence in municipal bonds.

Mr Brenton Harries, president of the Standard and Poor's credit rating company, told securities experts at a conference yesterday that "over the long run the moratorium in New York will serve to cause all municipalities to pay a penalty interest because basic security has changed".

The moratorium is being contested in the courts, with the Flushing National Bank alleging that it is unconstitutional.

MPs urged to fight Docks Bill

By Hugh Clayton

Leaders of the food industry said yesterday that they would press for opposition in Parliament to the Dock Work Regulation Bill. The Bill showed that ministers had rejected their appeals against a huge extension of the National Dock Labour Scheme, they added.

Mr J. S. Mackie, director-general of the Grain and Feed Trade Association, said: "I think it confirms all our worst fears". Mr Hugh Joseph, chairman of the docks working group of the Food and Drink Industries Council, said: "We detest the proposed legislation".

And Mr Desmond Bird, director-general of the Compound Animal Feeding Stuffs Manufacturers' National Association, said: "Our only hope is to stimulate enough opposition in Parliament to get this chucked out".

The Bill proposes extension of the labour scheme to unregistered ports and other places "within five miles (in a direct line) of the nearest point on the sea or any major inland waterway". Ministers say that is essential to safeguard the work of dockers against inroads by companies which employ cheap labour just outside port areas.

But the food industry insists the extension would enable dockers to paralyse food supplies in a national dock strike. Mr George Cattell, director-general of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday: "It is greatly regretted that the Government cannot or will not see this danger".

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sey Docks & Harbour to increase port charges hippers from January 1. ls face a 7½ per cent rise: dues on goods go up on e by 10 per cent and con- icy charges by 5 per cent. charges last went up in y 10 per cent and the cur- ncreases are in line with being announced at other h ports.

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Rail has secured a 10- act worth several mil- ls to transport up to onnes of chemicals between plants oper- BP Chemicals Inter- Hull, and at Baglan Swansea.

French surplus

showed a balance of surplus of 1,600m 77m) in the first nine this year against a 26,100m in the same 1974, the Finance announced in Paris

Unexplained fall in US jobless total

From Our United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, Dec 5

Unemployment in the United States declined slightly last month to a seasonally adjusted rate of 8.3 per cent or 7.7 million people, from 8.6 per cent in October.

However, the decline appears to be the product of some unusual and not fully explained developments that make it doubtful that any real improvement in the employment situation has taken place.

The Department of Labour said that the labour force as a whole declined by 400,000 to 93 million last month, and it admitted that it could not fully account for this fall.

Experts believe this reduction was due partly to a cut in the number of young people seeking jobs, some of whom may have returned to school. It could also be due to a rise in the number of people who have just given up looking for jobs and would therefore not be registered in the labour force.

The unemployment situation continues to be graver than the Ford administration predicted, and serves as yet another indication of the weakness of the economic recovery.

A particularly worrying factor for some experts is that the latest figures show that the average duration of unemployment has risen to 16.8 weeks from 15.4 weeks in October.

The only rise in employment in the latest month was in service industries, where the gain was 30,000. Manufacturing employment remained at the same level as in October, after having risen gradually between June and the start of October.

Latest government figures concerning business investment, factory orders and inventories, all indicate that a significant slowdown in the growth rate of the economy is taking place, compared with the third quarter, when a 13.2 per cent real gross national product rise was reported. The economy now needs new stimulative action to sustain the recovery.

The tax cuts Bill that passed the House of Representatives yesterday could provide such a stimulus.

Fiat 'willing' to produce Minis at Innocenti plant

Rome, Dec 5. — Fiat is prepared to continue production of British Leyland Minis at the Innocenti plant near Milan, sources close to the Italian car company said today.

One condition was that the British company would hold a minority share in the takeover of the Innocenti facility.

British Leyland put Innocenti into liquidation eight days ago, and the plant has been occupied since by workers.

In Rome, Signor Mario Toros, the labour minister, held talks with officials of Fiat and Leyland, including Mr Percy Plant, Innocenti's managing director, who left Rome later for talks in London.

Signor Toros said that technicians of the two companies would review technical details of the Innocenti plant in the coming week, then he would confer with the companies and the unions again.

Fiat said last week it might take over the Innocenti facility to build small lorries and vans with diesel engines. Alfa Romeo, the state car concern, said it did not want to get involved.

The unions gave cautious approval to the Fiat move, but said they wanted a number of issues clarified.

Retooling the plant to make vans would cost nearly 200,000m lire (nearly £145m), which would have to come from the government. The only other party interested in the plant, it seems, is Honda, but most parties in Italy are unwilling to see the big Japanese motor concern get such a foothold within the EEC.

Innocenti, which produced about 60,000 cars in 1974, cut planned production this year to 40,000 owing to a shrinking market, and wanted to dismiss 1,500 of the work force of 4,500 and raise the productivity of the rest by 25 per cent.

Both government and unions objected, the latter threatening occupation of the factory if the dismissals went through. After four months of inconclusive talks, British Leyland decided on liquidation.—AP-Dow Jones.

Soviet demand on shipping halts grain import talks

Moscow, Dec 5.—American-Soviet shipping negotiations broke down today over a "totally unacceptable" Soviet demand that could block grain shipments to Russia.

Mr Robert J. Blackwell, assistant secretary for maritime affairs, said the demand for lower freight rates would make it uneconomic for American ships to carry the grain.

"In our view the Soviet proposal is totally unacceptable simply because it makes it quite possible, in fact very likely, that no United States rankers could be employed in movement, which is of course very critical to our position", Mr Blackwell said.

Failure to reach a shipping agreement by December 31 could invalidate a grain-shipping accord which Mr Blackwell, who left Moscow for Washington today after five days of talks, signed here in September. The grain-shipping deal was dependent upon the now threatened general maritime agreement, which expires at the end of the year.

The September agreement called for American ships to carry at least one third of the grain which the Russians have bought this year and under a five-year buying pact which starts in 1976.

Talks broke down over the Russian demand to pay world charter rates for shipping the grain, whereas Washington wants an adjustment to pay for the higher cost of United States vessels. Mr Blackwell said Russian officials were talking in terms of $10 a ton rather than the $16 rate of September.—AP-Dow Jones.

Washington: Several United States experts doubt whether this year's Soviet grain crop could be as low as the 137 million tonnes calculated by western analysts in Moscow. Mr Richard Bell, assistant American secretary of agriculture, said the estimate could not be reconciled with weather and crop data obtained over recent months from the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

CBI warning to minister over import curbs

By Malcolm Brown

A delegation of industrialists yesterday warned Mr Eric Deakins, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade, that import controls must not be used as a method of influencing the balance of payments.

A team from the Confederation of British Industry, led by Mr George Burton, chairman of Fisons and of the CBI's overseas committee, saw Mr Deakins as part of the round of consultations taking place in Whitehall before the Government makes is announcement on selective controls.

Mr Burton, who was accompanied by Mr Campbell Adamson, director-general of the CBI, and Mr John Whitehorn, a deputy director-general, informed Mr Deakins that industry felt that there should be more vigorous action on anti-dumping measures.

But this should always be done within the terms of existing agreements such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Government spending up 41 pc so far this year

By Melvyn Westlake

Some 41 per cent more has been spent by the Government in the first two thirds of the present financial year through Supply Services and Consolidated Fund Standing Services than in the comparable period of 1974-75.

Together such outgoings represent the bulk of all central government expenditure.

On the other side of the national accounts, total revenue receipts from taxation and excise duties are some 28 per cent up over the same period.

Both revenue and expenditure continue to run substantially above planned levels. The Budget estimate for the current year was for a growth of 15 per cent in expenditure and 19 per cent in revenue over the outturn of 1974-75.

The Treasury's regular monthly return covering transactions on the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund, published in *The London Gazette* yesterday, shows that total revenue receipts in the eight months April-November, amounted to £18,266m.

The increase over the Budget estimate is ascribed partly to a more rapid rate of inflation than expected earlier in the year.

However, the cumulative increase over last year appears to have been arrested, having been 29 per cent ahead in October (on the similar 1974-75 period) compared with 28 per cent in November.

Expenditure on Supply and Consolidated Fund Services last month amounted to £2,671m—an increase of 18 per cent on the corresponding month last year.

But this increase was smaller than in other recent months and helped to bring the cumulative rise so far this year (over last year) down to 41 per cent, compared with 45 per cent at the end of October.

The Treasury details a number of areas where the higher expenditure has been exceptional. An increase (of 69 per cent) in the rate support grant is attributed partly to the inclusion of transport supplementary grants which are not strictly rate support grant, and which were not included in last year's figures.

The rise in the trade, industry and employment sector (71 per cent) is said to result from the first payment of assistance to British Leyland, the doubling of the regional employment premium, and the effect of the Employment and Training Act.

Dental suppliers agree to £18m American takeover

By Our Financial Staff

AD International, one of the world's largest makers and suppliers of dental products and equipment in which BOC International has 18 per cent has now agreed to be taken over by Dentsply International, a major United States dental manufacturing group.

The two concerns talked about exchanging shares in May, 1974, after more than 70 years of close trading links. The talks ended that July without agreement but Dentsply came back the following month with a bid proposal of around 90p or £14m. ADI's board was cool and the proposal lapsed in November, 1974, when it was referred to the Monopolies Commission.

The new Dentsply bid is worth around £18m or 116p a share. It will offer 70p in cash and 46p of 9 per cent sterling dollar convertible loan stock to be valued at par when the bid is made. This convertible and Dentsply's common stock are to be listed in London. A group of banks has underwritten the cash ingredient in the offer.

The American group plans to keep ADI's separate identity, expand the business and make no redundancies. ADI's advisers merchant banker Kleinwort Benson consider the terms fair and reasonable. Dentsply was advised by Hill Samuel.

BOC did not seem hostile to the idea of a Dentsply-ADI merger before the Monopolies Commission; but it did dismiss the original bid proposal of £14m as "totally inadequate". If BOC moved to raise its stake above 20 per cent it is thought that Dentsply would be able to review trading agreements between BOC and ADI.

The Monopolies Commission eventually found that a link up would not operate against the public interest, and might assist it. Yesterday ADI's shares closed 1p down at 104p before the bid news.

How the markets moved

The Times index : 152.77 + 1.05
The FT index : 367.6 + 3.4

Rises

Barclays Bk	2p to 300p	Lloyds & Scot	5p to 74p
BP	13p to 573p	Pilkington Bros	14p to 276p
Courtaulds	3p to 146p	Racal Elect	9p to 215p
Dalgety	9p to 220p	RKT Textiles	3p to 45p
EMI	9p to 234p	Scapa Grp	5p to 61p
Fisons	6p to 374p	Weyburn Eng	23p to 392p
Johnson Matt	10p to 330p	Western Areas	10p to 325p

Falls

Amal Inv	1p to 14½p	Photopia Int	2p to 23p
Ramersley	5p to 215p	Sirdar	3p to 33p
May & Hassel	4p to 80p	Steel Bros	5p to 228p
Maynards	3p to 92p	Utd News	5p to 225p
Martin-News	5p to 132p	Venesta	1p to 2½p
Pork Farms	4p to 116p	Westbrick Pds	5p to 35p
Plessey	3p to 75p	Wimpey G.	3p to 63p

Equities were firmer.
Gilt-edged securities had a quiet session.
Sterling lost 50 points to $2.0245. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.0 per cent.
Gold lost $1 an ounce to $137.75.

SDR-$ was 1.17279 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.578727.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1144.5 (previous 1141.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	84.00	81.00
Canada $	2.09	2.04
Denmark Kr	12.70	12.30
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.80
France Fr	9.20	8.90
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	79.00	75.00
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1525.00	1470.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.50	11.15
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.69
Spain Pes	123.75	118.25
Sweden Kr	9.15	8.85
Switzerland Fr	5.50	5.30
US $	2.07	2.02
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	37.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Can any portfolio afford to neglect 45% of the free world's economic output?



Most portfolios are spread over different industries and sectors of the economy. None deliberately omits a major growth sector, yet many are without an investment in the world's biggest economy—America. Generating about 45% of the total economic output of the free world, United States and Canada are rich in natural resources, land and technology—with political systems geared to exploit them. North America, however, is not easily accessible to British investors. It is asking a lot of someone busy keeping up-to-date with the U.K. stock market to master Wall Street as well.

Stewart American Fund is an authorised Unit Trust and was set up to take the difficulties out of investing in North America, to give professional advisers and their clients the means to deal in America without having to keep up with every share or to struggle with complex overseas investment regulations. If you would like to know more, contact— Not applicable to Eire
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Round-up

Lifeguard policyholders deserve better

Scarcely a man in the insurance industry does not express some bewilderment about the way the cash crisis in Lifeguard Assurance—attributed to the new solvency requirements of the Insurance Companies Act—has been handled. For the sake of a cash injection of £1.25m, which is to be forthcoming from shareholders, a large amount of adverse publicity has occurred, and it is likely to linger.

The 13,000 policyholders with the company have further reason to feel aggrieved. It now transpires that Lifeguard has effectively stopped issuing surrender values on policies. Anyone wishing to obtain a surrender, irrespective of the length he has held the policy and the amount of premiums paid, is being offered a token £1 surrender value.

The company is acting lawfully; no surrender values are guaranteed and the payment of £1 satisfies the policy condition that "surrender values will be allowed after two full years' premiums have been paid". While the company is arranging for the financial rescue by the shareholders it is probably prudent to try to forestall a run of surrenders by offering such terms.

What is distressing, however, is the method in which the company has treated policyholders who themselves are trying to act prudently by cutting their losses in respect of policies with an ailing company. Did the company attempt to pacify such policyholders with a polite, explanatory note apologizing for the situation and expressing a hope that once the rescue was accomplished it would be "business as normal"?

No; all that policyholders received was a one-line standard reply offering the above-mentioned £1. This lack of common countesy towards already worried policy holders is really not good enough. Would the directors of Lifeguard them selves, having invested, as one reader did £4,000 since £1968, have been satisfied with a curt standard note recommending a £1 payout?

What is more, in the month since the troubles blew up there has as yet been no reference to the position of policyholders whose regular premiums have fallen or are about to fall due. It is common practice to arrange for such premiums to be held in a separate trust account so that in the event of liquidation the premiums paid from the date the company ran into difficulties could be returned to policyholders. Lifeguard policyholders are still awaiting this assurance.

A statement is expected from the company on Wednesday. It is hoped it will give details of the success of the proposed cash rescue and go some way towards allaying the fears of policyholders.

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An off-shore fund which will invest exclusively in physical copper, as opposed to copper futures, has just been launched by Surinvest, the investment management group.

Based in Jersey the Surinvest Copper Trust, advised by commodity brokers G. W. Joynson, will be fully invested at all times in physical copper stores in a London Metal Exchange warehouse, apart from between £10,000-£20,000 in cash to meet redemptions and costs, such as insurance and rent on storage.

The units are available in 1p shares priced at £10, with a minimum invested of 50 shares (£500). There is a 5 per cent initial fee. The collective funds will be used to buy contracts on the LME which are in lots of 25 tonnes of copper, costing about £14,500 at present prices. The price of the units is quoted daily under offshore funds.

Commodity investment is generally admitted to be of a more speculative nature than many other forms. The Department of Trade has, for example, prohibited commodities as an investment medium for linked insurance funds. Nonetheless, it has its attractions, particularly in the case of highly marketable copper, at present near its low in price.

Surinvest has done its best to build in safeguards. All the money received goes directly to its trustee, the Midland Bank Trust Company, which also holds the copper. Then, to deter investors who should not be in commodities, it is accepting only applications which are channelled through approved agents or professional advisers.

Also, the sales literature recommends that the fund should be only a limited part of a total investment portfolio.

The question remains, should investors follow one single commodity? The managers make it quite clear that copper can go down in value as well as up, or can continue to move crabwise in price for a long period. There is much to be said for a more diversified commodity



Mr Sidney Golt, chairman of the Linked Life Assurance Group.

portfolio which gives investors the opportunity of switching into other commodity markets when the occasion warrants.

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The Linked Life Assurance Group, under the chairmanship of Mr Sidney Golt, produced during the week its latest set of quarterly statistics on the linked life assurance industry.

What the figures confirm is that linked life assurance, particularly regular premium contracts, are a welcome stable feature of the unit trust industry. In the last quarter sales linked to units — whether through unit linked policies, managed funds or equity bonds —amounted to £15.9m, compared with £17.5m in the second quarter of the year. This compares with the unit trust industry's overall sales of £95.5m in the second quarter and £66.4m in the third quarter.

Taking the linked life figures as a whole, regular premium business in the third quarter amounted to £16.9m, compared with £19.7m in the preceding quarter. Single premium bond sales, too, seem to have settled down to a fairly regular pattern. In the second quarter they totalled £27.3m (£25.9m in the third).

One point which the Linked Life Assurance Group could consider in order to make the statistics it publishes even more helpful is a further breakdown of the various investment components of linked life contracts. We have the equity element through the separation of unit trust interests, so why not publish how much of each quarter's sales has been directed towards property and how much has remained in cash or other liquid forms?

Taxation

Should the elderly get divorced?

The tax laws in this country have never been noted for encouraging matrimony. Some attempt was made a few years ago to ensure that a married couple who are both earning will be no worse off from a tax point of view than if they were single, but this is of no help where the wife has investment income in her own right.

Such income continues to be treated as the husband's both for higher rate tax purposes and for the investment income surcharge.

There is a special category of taxpayers—the elderly—who are particularly discouraged from continuing their state of married bliss, if my correspondents are anything to go by. A number of retired, married, readers have written to me over the past year pointing out that they and their partner would be far better off financially if they were single.

One reader calculated that he would be worse off this year by some £850 because of marriage, or to put it another way, the Government gained this amount from its "morality" tax. He added: "Every retired couple must consider the financial advantages of divorce."

Let us examine what gives rise to these strong views. The way age allowance works is partly responsible. If a single person is over 65 he or she receives a tax-free personal allowance of £950 instead of the normal £675 (an extra £275). In the case of a married couple, provided one of them is over 65 during the tax year, they are given a tax-free allowance of £1,425 instead of the normal £955 (an extra £470).

However, these more generous personal allowances only apply if the taxable income of the single or married couple is below £3,000.

Where incomes exceed £3,000 the extra £275 or £470 of personal allowances is reduced by two thirds of the excess income over £3,000. Once a single person's income reaches £3,412 the whole of the extra £275 is taken away (because two thirds of £412 equals £275) and he or she is left with the normal allowance of £675.

Similarly, once a married couple's combined income exceeds £3,705 the whole of the extra £470 is reduced to nil (two thirds of £705 is £470), and they are left with the normal allowance of £955.

The ceiling of £3,000 is the same both for a single person and a married couple. Clearly then, where each spouse is over 65 and the wife has income in her own right, a couple could be better off as single people. The reason is that the £3,000 ceiling would apply to each and, assuming their separate incomes were below that figure, both would receive the £950 single person's age allowance, a total of £1,900.

This is certainly more advantageous than the allowance given to husband and wife—a maximum of £1,450 (on a joint income below £3,000) and a minimum of £955 (on a joint income above £3,705). Added to this the fact that the state retirement pension would total be higher for two single persons compared with the amount paid to a married couple and one can see what the reader is getting at.

There are other tax disadvantages to marriage, although these of course apply to couples young or old. Taken investment income surcharge. The exemption limit here is the same for a single person as for a married couple.

In the case of the elderly the surcharge starts to apply when the gross amount of investment income exceeds £1,500. Where both husband and wife have investment income which in total exceeds £1,500 the tax burden would be lighter if they were single.

Capital gains tax, too, discriminates against married couples. Where husband and wife own a house, notwithstanding that they reside in both they are entitled to only one exemption from the tax. If they were single each house would be free of capital gains tax on sale.

Similarly if mortgage interest is being paid on two houses, a married couple are entitled to a tax deduction only for loan interest against one main residence even though both may be used as their residence. As single persons each could claim tax relief allowance for their respective interest.

It is sad that the tax system are framed in such a way as to make marriage a questionable proposition. If the attitudes of some of my readers snowball there will be an increasing number of divorces on the grounds of tax mitigation—perhaps to become known as "divorce, British style"!

Vera Di Palma

Lessons from outer space for multinationals

Some weeks ago I wrote a piece forecasting the eventual collapse of London along the lines of New York, and suggested that the Location of Offices Bureau would soon be mounting a campaign to encourage firms to move back into London again because there was nobody left to pay the rates.

This drew a memorandum from the Chairman of the LOB bursting with statistics and implying, more in sorrow than in anger, that I was rocking the boat a bit. Rather shamefacedly, I wrote back that I thought he was doing a great job, but rambled on in my letter about this fear of mine that big cities, and indeed big organizations of every kind, were destined for the same end as big stars.

Devotees of Patrick Moore will know what I am getting at. A large star towards the end of its life expands rapidly, becoming what astronomers call a Red Giant. There then comes a point when the equilibrium suddenly flips and the centre of the star collapses, the Red Giant turning into a White Dwarf.

This pulls in by its gravitational force all the matter that has been previously thrown out—an occurrence somewhat similar to the fate I foresaw for New York, London, and the rest.

In astronomical terms the process is continued with ever increasing speed until the White Dwarf is transformed into a sinister organism known as a Black Hole, so dense and tiny a thing that nothing can escape from it, even light. Quite what the civic equivalent of this phenomenon is I am unsure; but let us explore

My thesis is that this stellar behaviour is paralleled by all types of large organizations, be they cities, federations or multinational companies.

Let us take the case of the multinational corporation, International Electronics, and plot a future for it based on this theory. IE has not yet quite reached the Red Giant stage, but is on the way there.

It still has fairly stronge centre, based in Dragsville, Pa, but for some years the company has been in the vanguard of the current fashion for devolution. All its foreign subsidiaries have local nationals running them, for example, and although there is some kind of broad-based central policy, within these limits the subsidiaries more or less do what they want.



". . . in more and more outlandish places to manufacture and sell its products."

This process is expected to continue further as the boundaries of decentralization extend. The authority of the parent company will be eventually concerned solely with educating its subsidiary labour and management in more and more outlandish places to manufacture and sell its products. Thus not only the geographical distribution but the control itself becomes not so much multinational as spread too thin.

At that moment, however, a change occurs, triggered off by some economic or political spasm. This may not have any practical significance in real terms, but it suddenly deflates confidence. The centre or nucleus realizes that the periphery has more actual power, albeit disjointed, than it has itself. Or possibly, and more appallingly, that nobody has any power at all.

A sense of panic grips it and it finds that it is not really multinational but, in truth, totally embedded in the United States economy.

IE begins to pull in, first slowly and then with increasing speed, its financial and other most valuable resources from the subsidiaries to Dragsville, Pa, whipping itself into an incandescence of isolationism as it changes from Red Giant to White Dwarf.

What then of the ultimate, or Black Hole, phase? Astronomers are at the moment quite unsure what a Black Hole is really like, so taking the metaphor any further must be dangerous. But perhaps what happens at IE is that the process of controlling the centralized company then becomes so complicated that they have to devise a machine that will programme other machines to run it without the necessity of human agency.

So all human decision is sucked into the organization so exclusively that nothing can escape at all, and not even the light of knowledge is communicated outwards. The day of Samuel Butler's "Erehwon" has finally dawned, and the machines have taken over.

Francis Kinsman

Offers

Property bond • Trident package

There are two offers this weekend. Save and Prosper is recommending its Property Fund. This is one of the larger property bond funds but its size has not deterred the company from following the philosophy that small is beautiful.

This has proved to be a sensible course in the conditions of the property market over the last two years.

The other offer comes from Schlesingers, the Trident unit trust group, which is promoting its new investment management scheme designed for wealthier investors. The package enables investors to invest a lump sum which is then fed in regular amounts into a qualifying policy.

The managers are initially recommending linking the scheme to the Trident International Moneymanager fund.

Why we believe the Save & Prosper Property Fund will maintain its successful record.

Since the Save & Prosper Property Fund was launched in March 1971 it has been one of the best performers, and has become one of Britain's largest property funds, presently valued at £24.6 million.

From the start our policy was to invest in the smaller type of prime property in carefully selected locations.

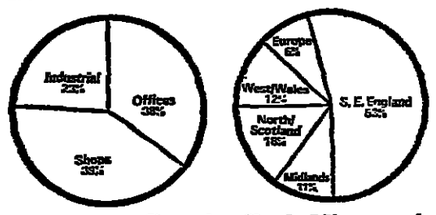
Our reasons for adopting this policy were twofold. First, we decided that prime property represents the best form of long-term property investment. And secondly, we decided that in times of uncertainty, smaller properties would be better able than larger properties to retain their value as they were more marketable.

This policy has proved successful, for during the steady market conditions of 1971 to 1973 the value of the properties in our fund did in fact increase steadily, resulting in an increase of 30.9% in the offer price of units by January 1974. In 1974, when property values fell, the value of our properties and the price of units fell significantly less than the property market in general. Since the beginning of the year the price of units has once again been rising.

For the future we believe that by following this policy of maintaining a highly selective portfolio of prime properties, the Save & Prosper Property Fund will be well placed to meet most market conditions. In particular, the fund is especially well suited to current market conditions, as explained below.

The Current Portfolio

The Fund currently consists of 66 properties throughout Britain and in Continental Europe and is almost fully invested in property in the proportions shown below.



The Fund's main office holdings are in some of the larger provincial towns and cities such as Bristol, Coventry, Guildford and Sheffield – all areas experiencing significant demand and where the managers believe the prospects for rent increases are good.

We did not purchase office properties in the City or the West End of London in the belief that rents, at the rates then ruling, were very vulnerable. This policy has been fully justified as lack of demand in the last two years has led to substantially lower rents and capital values.

Future Prospects

With the ending of the freeze on commercial rents earlier this year, much of the uncertainty in the property market has been removed. Confidence in the long-term merits of prime property as an investment has been largely restored with a resulting increase in investment in the property market. This has already led to an increase in some property prices, although there are certain secondary types of property and poor locations where the prospects remain uncertain.

A substantial proportion of our Fund is at present invested in properties which were let some years ago at fixed rents but with provision for rent reviews. Most of these properties have rent reviews coming up in the near future, and it is this type of property in particular which stands to benefit from the ending of rent controls. In all, 94% of our portfolio has rent reviews at five or seven year intervals, and this will be of considerable benefit to the Fund.

—We believe that the Fund, with its broad geographical spread of smaller prime properties, is well structured for the current improved conditions and that it is in a position to take full advantage of new opportunities as they arise.

Specialist Property Advisers

The Fund's managers are advised by Healey & Baker who specialise in shop, office and industrial property throughout the U.K. and Europe.

Independent Valuers

The properties are independently valued at regular intervals by Cluttons, Chartered Surveyors.

Past Performance

The offer price of units in the fund rose steadily from 100p in March 1971 to 130.9p in January 1974. However, following the decline in property values in 1974, the price of units fell to 102p in January 1975 but has since risen during this year to its current price of 121p. While property should represent a relatively stable and worthwhile investment in the long-term, it is important to remember that the price of units will fluctuate, reflecting changes in the valuation of the assets.

4%–8% p.a.

WITHDRAWAL FACILITY

When you invest £1,000 or more in a Bond, you may withdraw between 4% and 8% of your original investment each year.

Basic rate income tax payers will have no liability to this rate of tax on withdrawals of any amount.

Higher rate and additional rate tax payers may withdraw up to 5% of the original investment each year for the first twenty years without giving rise to any liability to these rates of tax during that period.

In using this facility you should bear in mind that any rate of withdrawal that exceeds the growth rate of your investment will result in a decline in capital values. For this reason you can vary your withdrawal rate or discontinue using it, subject to two months' notice.

Payments are made half-yearly on the last day of the month you select, the first payment being not less than two months after the purchase of your Bond.

Special Discount Offer

The normal minimum investment is £250; however, until 14th December 1975 if you invest a minimum of £1,000 in the Property Fund through a Save & Prosper Investment Bond you will receive a special discount of 1% on the Fund's offer price. After that date the normal offer price ruling will apply.

Please complete and return the proposal form, together with your cheque.

Before purchasing your Bond you may wish to consult your usual professional adviser – insurance broker, accountant, stockbroker, solicitor or bank manager.

Professional advisers requiring further information should contact Save & Prosper Services Ltd. on 01-831 7601.

Everything else you should know

Unit Pricing. The Property Fund is divided into units which are normally revalued monthly, though more frequent valuations can be made if necessary. The offer price is the price at which units are allocated to your Bond and the bid price is that which determines the cash-in value of your Bond. The number of units allocated to your Bond will depend on the offer price ruling on the day your application is received.

Save&Prosper Investment Bond. A Save & Prosper Investment Bond is a single premium life insurance policy issued by Save & Prosper Insurance Limited, a member of the Save & Prosper Group, one of Britain's leading investment services organisations which currently manages around £800 million for 700,000 people.

Automatic Life Insurance. Should you die while your Bond is in force, your dependants would receive between 100% and 250% of the bid value of the units then credited to your Bond. The actual percentage depends on your age at death, and this percentage is shown for sample ages in the table above. A full table of rates is available on request.

If you are in poor health when you purchase your Bond, we may have to quote you special terms, though the amount invested is not affected.

Age at death	Percentage of the bid value of your Bond payable on death
Up to 30	250%
35	230%
40	170%
45	140%
50	120%
55	110%
60	105%
65	104%
70	102%
over 75	100%

Charges. There is an initial management charge of 5% plus a rounding-up adjustment (not exceeding the lower of 1p or 1%) is included in the offer price of units. There is also an annual charge of ½% of the value of the Fund to cover life insurance and administrative costs.

The costs of property management, valuation and other expenses of the Fund, including buying and selling properties, are borne by the Fund.

Current Tax Position. You have no personal liability to capital gains tax as this is already allowed for in the price of units in the Property Fund. Also you will have no personal liability to basic rate income tax in connection with your Bond, both while it is in force and when it is cashed in.

There may be a liability to higher rate and/or additional rate tax if you are, or become liable to these rates of tax during a year in which you cash in the bond either wholly or partially, or on your death if you surrender part of your Bond through the Withdrawal Facility during the first twenty years, the tax charge at that time will be based on the excess of withdrawals over the 5% level.

Switching Facility. At any time you may switch your investment in the Property Fund to one of 25 other Save & Prosper Group funds at substantial discount on normal costs, and without incurring any personal capital gains tax liability. Full details of this valuable facility are given in the booklet that is sent to you with your acceptance letter.

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First name(s)

Surname

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4. Date of birth

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6. Name and address of your usual doctor.

7. Withdrawal Facility. If this is required, please indicate the % age of your original investment which you wish to withdraw each year. (Minimum investment £1,000).

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Declaration I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that I am in good health and that the answers to the foregoing questions, whether in my handwriting or not are true and complete. I agree that this proposal, together with any statement signed in the presence of the Company's medical examiner, shall be the basis of the contract with Save & Prosper Insurance Limited. I consent to the Company seeking medical information from any doctor who at any time has attended me, or seeking information from any life assurance company to which I have at any time made a proposal for life assurance, and I authorise the giving of such information.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Recovery fades despite HP package hopes

The market's confidence returned yesterday, helped both by a steadier trend on Wall Street and by press report that the United Kingdom Government plans shortly to introduce import curbs and perhaps relax hire purchase controls.

Share prices recovered sharply during the morning, but closed well below the best as interest faded away ahead of the weekend.

The gilt-edged market had a fairly quiet session. There was again some interest in short-dated "mediums". But the new "long tap", Treasury 13¾, 1997 (A) met little interest on the first day of dealing in the stock. "Shorts" lost an early gain when the Treasury bill rate was declared unchanged at the weekly tender. But they firmed again in late business to close with net gains of 1/32 to 1/16 point.

Slater Walker Securities is thought to be selling off its 25 per cent stake in the German group Schubert Falzer Maschinenfabrike, worth about £1m at current market prices.

Amplified turnover statistics for Thursday confirm that the level of trading has been falling since the beginning of the week.

Recorded bargains totalled only 5,796 yesterday and there was little sign of institutional interest.

Once again, the market leaders turned nervous as the time approached for the opening of trading on Wall Street. But the United States market seemed to perform quite well in its first couple of hours and London went home in a calm frame of mind.

The market hope of a further rise in equities could be undermined by doubts about the progress of the United States economy.

The suggestions that the Government might act to help consumer spending via HP controls brought support for store and HP issues.

But by the end of the session, Marks & Spencer (100p), Boots (131p), Tesco (44½p) were hardly changed from their overnight levels. J. Lyons (132p) remained subdued in the wake of the interim report.

On the engineering side, much interest was shown in Plessey's call for £26m by way of rights for shareholders. Plessey at 75p shed a few pence in thin trading. The news, while not foreseen, was no shock for the market.

Pilkington Bros recouped 14p of their loss to close at 276p and there were small gains for other shares with interests in the motor industry. Lucas Industries closed higher at 172p and GKN (251p) also found supporters.

Two outstanding features were Johnson Matthey and Weyburn Engineering, with buyers in both cases finding the market short of stock.

At 330p, Johnson Matthey put on 10p as a single large buyer found the market suddenly devoid of sellers. Weyburn Engineering, mentioned here a week ago as an institutional favourite in view of its strong position in the world market for diesel engines, gained a further 23p to 392p—against a "low" of 62p at the beginning of the year.

Shares in EMI starred afresh as buyers continued to respond to advice to invest in the future for the medical scanner. Finally at 234p, the shares added 9p.

Racal Electronic at 215p extended the gain which greeted the interim on Thursday, while Muirhead, suggested as a possible merger target for Racal, improved to 97p.

The company news list was smaller than earlier in the week but included Gomme Hldgs, firmer after the full report and accounts, and Attwood Garage, Scapa Group, and Leeds & District Dyers, all helped by trading statements. Westbrick, however, slipped back after a forecast of a loss ahead.

Banks and insurances looked firmer, although demand for the shares was not on any great scale. Lloyds Bk (240p) and Barclays (300p) led the way with gains of only a couple of pence.

The property pitch also looked better, with Land Securities (161p) and Samuel Properties (23p) a shade higher on the day. Among HP issues, Lloyds & Scottish moved forward.

Shares in BP rose smartly to 573p after press comment on the quarterly report. While the Burmah stake must continue to overhang the share price, the profits for the third quarter seem to have been well received.

Gold shares again managed small gains without attracting much interest. Western Areas (325p) and FS Geduld (£21¼) were among the firmer spots. Poseidon, 1p up at 195p, were in line with other Australian mining issues.

Equity turnover on Thursday was worth £54m (13,944 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, EMI, Distillers, Glaxo, British Home Strs new, Barclays Bk, Beechams, Racal Elect, Highland & Lowland Para Rubber and BP.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Attwood Garages (25p) Int	0.61	0.61	—	—	1.45
Bishop's Stores (25p) Int	1	0.2	9/1	—	1.29
Brit Building (25p) Int	1	0.9	18/2	—	2.32
Chemring (5p) Fin	0.5	0.49	3/2	1.05	0.99
Chesterfield (25p) Int	0.7*	0.7	28/1	—	2.8
Hamilbourne (12½p) Int	0.5	0.76	23/1	—	1.26
Amos Hinton (10p) Int	1.2	1.1	—	—	2.16
Highams (25p) Int	0.7	0.7	—	—	2.29
Leeds & District (25p) Fin	1.84	1.69	—	2.46	2.3
John J. Lees (10p) Int	0.45	0.45	17/1	—	1.62
Oil & Assoc (25p) Int	0.55	0.58	30/1	—	1.64
Spink & Son (25p) Int	1.62	1.67	16/1	—	4.52
Spooner (25p) Fin	1.63	1.68	7/2	2.15	2.21
Walmsley Bury (£1) Fin	Nil	1	—	Nil	4.6

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Also 0.09p is declared as a special payment.

investor's week

Wall St worries • growth from Racal

has been a more difficult ek for equities, with inves- s indicating that they would unhappy to see the market low 350, on the *FT* index, but so showing that they are un- lling to chase prices too hard.

Thus, despite a mixed bag of mpany news, the underlying ength of the market remained tact and by the end of the eek leading shares had gained average of about 3 per cent.

However, two factors are pable of upsetting these mar- t calculations; they are the esent weakness on Wall reet, largely due to predic- ns that the United States eco- mic recovery might be de- yed, and speculation that the ited Kingdom Government plans import curbs and/or hire purchase relaxations.

The past couple of years have brought many of the corporate pyramids built of paper bricks tumbling to the ground and once again provided the reminder that the most solid, if not necessarily the most exciting, investment opportunities lie in sound manufacturing companies with good growth potential.

True, these companies can have problems of their own, the most obvious recently having been the problem of financing growth in a period of exceptionally high inflation. Indeed, in some cases the liquidity problems have been so serious that the companies have had little choice but to hold back their rate of expansion. This has been particularly true of growth companies operating largely in the home market, for in these cases the financing problems have been further compounded by price controls.

But companies selling a high proportion of their output overseas have been fairly free of such constraints. A particularly good example is Racal, which specializes in mobile radio communication equipment and generates some 70 per cent of its profits from its fast expanding overseas sales. The company has maintained a record of consistent growth—and a high rate of growth, too. The forecast for the current year is at least £15m pre-tax against £9.6m last year

From the investor's viewpoint the problem with this type of share is that it always commands a large premium over the market and looks expensive. But Racal's share price performance over the past decade proves all too clearly that this is something that should not have proved off-putting, though that is, of course, no reason in itself for piling into shares

Over the ten years Racal's price has, in fact, appreciated in absolute terms by a factor of nearly 11 and against the market by a factor of nearly 7. They should continue to outperform the market over the medium-term.

Henry Thornton goes for GKN

oor Henry Thornton ! When st he looked at his portfolio, e was just off for a long week- nd in Yorkshire ; and he left meone else to do the table. He early had a fit when he opened *he Times* that Saturday morn- g to find his profit figure orribly depleted through in- luding selling costs ; and it ok a good win on the Novem- er Handicap at Doncaster that fternoon to restore his quanimity.

This time Henry is, as lanned, selling his gilt, which e has now held for more than year so that he has no capital ains tax liability on the modest rofit he has made.

The sale will leave him some- hing over £2,000 to reinvest, ut he has decided against any nove back into the fixed nterest market. He is nervous bout gilts on general grounds, ecause of the size of the overnment borrowing require- ent; and he is nervous about em in the short term in parti- ular because he reckons that here will be some heavy selling the new year as the people ho rushed into gilts last anuary reach a position to take dvantage of the capital gains ax exemption.

So Henry is, for the moment, confining his attention to quities ; and after the success f his timing on ICI is again ooking at the cyclical indus- ries. He has contemplated an nvestment in one of the textile majors on the strength of eports of a big upturn in rders in the United States ; ut he has eventually decided o buy an engineering stock.

Young Tom, somewhat hagrined by the fact that ICI as so far outperformed his wn favourite, Grindlays Hold- ngs, points out with asperity hat Henry has missed some of he upturn in the sector. People ave, in fact, been buying ngineering stocks for a month or so now, for the sake of the high yields which they offer.

Henry recognizes that there has been a fair amount of interest in the engineers ; that it has, indeed, been rather indiscriminate ; and that some falls may in consequence be expected as poor figures and cheerless forecasts continue to emerge in the first half of next year.

So he is going very carefully about his latest venture. On his own timescale—a year to 18 months—he thinks he is unlikely to go wrong ; but he would prefer to have no more Selection Trust-type situations in the meantime.

It seems to him that there are several possibilities open. He can set himself to benefit from the changes which have taken place in the industry during the latest downturn : changes such as the elimination of some of the smaller companies in the foundry sector as demand has dropped and fixed capital requirements have soared.

He acknowledges that in a boom this sector is in consequence going to be critically short of capacity, and that companies such as F. H. Lloyd and Lake & Elliott should be set to make very good profits indeed. But no amount of crystal ball gazing gives Henry any confidence in his estimates of when the boom will come.

He could, on the other hand, go for one of the companies which now appear to be through the worst, such as IMI, or for those with good defensive spread, such as Laird. Henry recognizes their attractions, but he reckons that Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds has more.

True, the interim results announced by the group three months ago were distinctly disappointing, with pre-tax profits dipping from £47.6m to £36.1m. On his own timescale, however, Henry thinks that this may be no bad thing, for the shares, which outperformed the market in the earlier part of this year, have in consequence dropped back and provide him with a buying opportunity.

Henry reckons that the year-end profits will be well down on the £106m pre-tax which the group achieved last time ; but he has hopes that GKN will begin to see some volume improvement over the next six months, and that profits for the period will compare well with those for this year's depressed first half.

Moreover, he likes the thinking behind the move to link up with the German private company Sachs AG.

Henry is aware that this move will give GKN, one third of whose turnover now relates to motor components, a very strong position in the only European motor industry to be showing real signs of recovery. He also likes the profit potential implicit in the group's heavy spending on expansion in the United Kingdom which is being financed out of the rights issue earlier this year. This potential is unlikely to be realized until 1977, but the shares should be reflecting it before then.

So Henry is going to put £2,000 into GKN on Monday. He hopes to acquire the shares at about 250p, where the yield is some 7 per cent.

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PROGRESS SO FAR

Purchase	Quantity	Date	Buying price	Present price	Profit/ loss*
9% Treasury 1980	£2,360 nominal	18/11/74	£84 5-16	£89 17-32	+£111.80
Royal Insurance	531 shares	1/4/75	228p	302p	+£356.40
Selection Trust	147 shares	26/5/75	655p	460p	—£308.60
Sedgwick Forbes	419 shares	26/5/75	230p	252p	+£55.80
Wm Morrison Supermarkets	1,107 shares	23/6/75	85p	96p	+£85.17
Dalgety	481 shares	21/7/75	208p	220p	+£21.10
The Investment Trust Corporation	972 shares	16/9/75	150p	168p	+£102.40
Local authority yearling bonds	£3,000 nominal	21/10/75	Par	£100 7-16†	+£13.11
ICI	655 shares	10/11/75	305p	316p	—£0.60
Grindlays Hldgs	5,000 shares	10/11/75	40p	36p	—£272.60

Profits so far: £163.78

Sold: 1,986 Brixton Estates at a loss of £530.60; 994 Lloyds Bank at a profit of £374.40.

* After buying costs.

† Plus 47 days accrued interest.

Shipbuilding is a cushion for LOF

The tanker slump continues to drag down London & Overseas Freighters. In the six months to September 30 pre-tax profits more than halved from £5.5m to £2.07m with shipbuilding coming to the rescue.

Shipowning lost £380,000 (after depreciation of £1.7m) after making £3.2m (depreciation £1.15m), but shipbuilding brought in £2.14m compared with £1.49m, and associates £47,000 (£31,000). Investment income also dropped—from £780,000 to £264,000.

The company adds that it is unlikely that any further corporation tax will be payable in the year to end-March, 1976, thanks to available capital allowances and the provisions of group relief.

Spink hopeful after interim setback

The board of Spink & Son warned shareholders that 1975 would not be an easy year ; and profits for the six months to June 30 are down from £631,000 before tax to £135,000 on a turnover of £3.27m, against £3.67m. But the second six months look like making up much of the ground and there is to be an interim dividend of 2.49p gross, against 2.5p. Mr D. F. Spink, the chairman of this dealer in fine art, antiques, coins and medals, is cautiously optimistic.

Walmsley loss

It is a hard road for Walmsley (Bury) Group. It tumbled from a profit of £1.11m to a loss of £51,000 before tax (much less than expected at midway). But the maker of papermaking machinery has hopes for the United Kingdom company after drastic re-shaping. The pre-tax loss represents one of £1.4m in the United Kingdom, offset by profits from Italy and Australia. There is no dividend for the year, compared with 6.71p gross. The depression in the world paper trade is lasting longer than feared.

The United States Beloit Corporation has made an offer for Walmsley. It already has a big interest in the group.

Bishop's Stores holds its ground

Though comparisons are difficult thanks to the change in the accounting date (the previous period was for the 35 weeks to March 1), Bishop's Stores, the wholesale and retail grocer, thinks it has done well in difficult going. On sales for the 28 weeks to September 13 of £33.34m (against £44.47m for 35 weeks), pre-tax profits were £694,000 compared with £805,000 for the longer period. The interim payment is 1.54p gross against 0.3p.

Amos Hinton advances

Pre-tax profits of Amos Hinton, the grocery group, rose from £360,000 to £393,000 in the 26 weeks to September 13. Turnover jumped from £14m to £19.6m. In March, the company acquired several properties from Yorkshire Discount Stores for £240,000. The interim dividend is raised from 1.64p to 1.84p, while earnings a share advanced from 3.11p to 3.42p.

Bibby & Baron cutback

Bibby & Baron (Leominster), a subsidiary of Bibby & Baron, is streamlining output at its Leominster factory. Last month saw a warning of "drastic reorganization" in the plastic sector, from Mr Richard Dent, chairman. The result is that 75 people will lose their jobs. The group's polythene conversion unit at Bury is unaffected. The group remains confident of polythene's long-term future as an important part of its packaging interests.

Chesterfield Props

The profits of Chesterfield Properties rose from £148,000 to £203,000 before tax in the half year to end-June, despite a slight increase in interest payable, to £803,000. The second half year should benefit from the lifting of the rent freeze, which the chairman said in his last statement would be worth £200,000 a year.

Chemring ahead

Maker of radar reflective products, Chemring announces a gain in pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 of £12,000 to £271,000. Sales rose from £1.47m to £1.52m. The total dividend rises from 1.48p gross to 1.62p Sir Ronald Fairfield, chairman, says that the gain came from high-technology products, with direct exports representing 48 per cent of total sales.

Stewart Nairn is now profitable

In spite of tough trading in the past six months, Mr N. Ostrom, the chairman of the Stewart Nairn hosiery and knitwear group says that both divisions have traded at a profit. In the year to March 31 last, a loss of £625,000 was cut to one of £191,000. However, the cost of maintaining the unsold freehold premises at Long Eaton has continued.

Westbrick decline

The pre-tax profits of Westbrick Products slipped from £292,000 to £238,000 in the year to September 30 though sales went up from £3.5m to £4m. But the interim dividend rises from 1.49p gross to 1.54p. Multi-Development Engineering suffered a further trading loss in the half year and has been closed. The board adds that it cannot foresee a significant improvement in trading.

Elson & Robbins flat

Things did not turn out for Elson & Robbins, who make "Duflex" springs for seating and mattresses, and foam, as it hoped last June. Pre-tax profits fell by 16 per cent from £963,044 to £808,548 in the year to last September. In the first six months the fall was less than 14 per cent. In July the directors noticed a slight pick up in demand, short time working in one sector, and a recovery in orders. They hoped for "matching" profits. But the dividend goes up from 3.56p to 3.93p.

Briefly

DOLLAR LAND AUDITORS' QUERY

The accounts of Dollar Land Holdings for the year to December 31, 1974, contain an auditors' qualification, reflecting the ongoing litigation over the sale of its American subsidiaries.

CREDIT COMMERCIAL

Credit Commercial de France has become the latest European bank to raise Eurodollars through a floating rate note issue. It is seeking $25m for 6 years at a margin of ¼ per cent of interbank rates, with a minimum rate of 7¼ per cent. Managers are Credit Suisse White Weld, Kreditbank Luxembourgeoise, and Bankers Trust International.

UNILOCK IN RECORD INTERIM

Unilock Holdings, an OTC company, reports record pre-tax profits of £402,000 for the first six months to September 30. This compares with £502,000 for the full year to March 31. The OTC market in Unilock shares began in July and in the first four months of the market about £300,000 worth of shares changed hands—around 12 per cent of the company's equity.

C & S BUYS MORE TRIANCO

Central & Sherwood has bought another 25,000 Trianco ordinary shares at 6½p. C & S now holds 44.4 per cent of Trianco's equity.

BSC (BIRMINGHAM)

British Steel Constructions (Birmingham) points out that Mr R. A. Dickinson is chairman of the company—not Mr A. D. Mackay. It stresses that it has no connexion with Queen Street Warehouse, of which Mr A. D. Mackay, BSC's former chairman, is a director.

BRITISH BUILDING

Turnover for half-year to end-September, £791,000 (£890,000). Pre-tax profit, £117,000 (£125,000). Interim payment, 1.54p gross (1.34p gross).

JOHN J. LEES

Turnover, £417,000 (£359,000) for half-year to end-September. Pre-tax profit, £30,000 (£34,000). Board expects year's results to be very similar to previous year.

L. B. HOLIDAY

Although turnover rose from £7.48m to £7.83m in year to June 30, pre-tax profits fell from £917,000 to £301,000. Ordinary capital privately held.

BELGRAVE ASSETS

Lothian Investment Trust has acquired 30,000 ordinary shares in Belgrave Assets, making 405,000 shares (13.5 per cent of equity).

Insurance

FWA helping hand for grandchildren

; capital transfer tax plan- ng develops it is clear that, ere practicable, it may be sible to skip a generation. a grandparent makes gifts to ndchildren, this avoids the ition of the children's ents, at some time in the ure, trying to offload the ets to the next generation. lost CTT schemes con- ted with life assurance in- e the donor arranging life rance on his own life, with policy being written on a t basis for the benefit of donee. The donor pays the miums and, at death, the cy proceeds belong to the ee, with no capital transfer being payable on them.

or grandparents, one runs against the difficulty that, ause of age, the premiums quite steep and thus, for a n annual premium, the h benefits will be very h lower than if a much nger man paid the same ium each year.

e way of getting round is for the life policy to be he life of the grandchild. grandparent simply makes al gifts (within the nor- exemptions) and these are ed to premiums on the of the child. Naturally, value for money is ned.

While that may seem quite straightforward, there are those who hold the view that policies effected with many life offices could be declared void by the child once he reaches the age of 18. On technical grounds relating to "insurable interest" the contract would then be illegal and the child could reclaim the premiums paid, which may not be the grandparent's wish. There are, however, life offices to which that particular objection does not apply—as they are quick enough to point out.

For instance, the Friends' Provident Life Office is favourably placed as a result of the Friends' Provident Life Office Act 1975. It makes special provision for minors, so that a minor may, through his (or her) parent or guardian, if under the age of 16, effect and give discharge for policies of assurance with the office.

Thus, anyone may arrange a policy on the life of any child in the name of that child, using this explicit authority. The problem of insurable interest does not arise.

The grandparent, in other words, is giving money to the grandchild, which is then used to pay the premiums. So far, so good ; but grandparents are not immortal. It will be in the child's interest for the premiums towards his or her policy to be paid for a minimum of 10 years. But he or she may be in no position to continue paying them in the event of the death of the grandparent.

In this situation, a grandfather who is in reasonably good health should be able to arrange a "family income benefits" policy. Dependent on the life office selected, this may run to the age of, say, 80 or 85. If the grandparent dies during the term of the policy, benefits will be paid out until the end of the term—at a level pre-selected to meet the cost of the premiums for the main policy.

The supplementary policy, therefore, would be written on the life of the grandfather, on a trust basis for the benefit of the grandchild.

For the purposes of simplicity, I have assumed that there is only one grandchild. Where there are more, a grandfather may want to make similar arrangements for each. For instance, where there are five grandchildren, gifts of £300 per annum could be made to each, totalling £1,500 per annum, from the normal exemptions—quite apart from anything which may be allowed as "normal expenditure". This is because £100 can be given to each, and the other exemption of up to £1,000 can be divided among the five of them.

It is sensible for the policy on the child's life to be on a flexible basis. In this way, it can be cashed in for a guaranteed figure, plus bonuses, at any time after the first 10 years. Some policies contain an option so that cash can be taken in this way and, at the same time, a fresh policy can be arranged, irrespective of the life assured's state of health at the time. And, of course, many policies contain the right, within certain age limits, to arrange further policies.

In this way, a grandparent can either help to build up a cash sum (free from all tax) for the child in the future, without the complication of income being generated, and/or the child can be started off with life assurance—which he or she is bound to need in the future.

John Drummond

unit trust performance

TRUSTS : Growth and specialist funds (progress this year the past three years). Unitholder index : 1654.7 ; rise from ury 1, 1975 : 64.2 per cent.

ge change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 ns : +58.1 per cent ; over three years : −21.5 per cent. tics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 ury Square, London, EC2.

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Reserves	85.2	−28.0
Priority	83.9	−31.4
Trustee	83.6	−31.0
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Fund	82.2	−24.9
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	81.3	−14.5
ank Growth	79.9	−20.6
Security Plus	79.4	−18.0
A	79.2	−21.3
Thistle	78.1	−15.8
Shenley	77.8	—
Allied Capital	77.6	−20.4
Mutual "Blue Chip"	76.9	−18.6
Nelstar	74.6	−19.0
Stewart British	73.8	—
Allied Bif Second	72.3	−14.4
Allied Growth & Inc	71.0	−22.0
National West Growth	70.2	−5.4
Quadrant F	69.6	—
Intel	69.3	−9.3
Rowan Securities	69.3	—
National D	68.3	−20.3
S & P Scotshares	68.2	−27.6
Legal & General	67.9	−18.0
Friars House M	67.7	—
Wieler Growth F	67.7	—
Target Professional	67.2	−31.1
Allied Elec & Ind	66.3	−19.2
National Scot-Units	66.1	−22.8
Carliol F	65.9	−19.2
Scottish Equitable	64.9	—
Slater Walker Grth	64.4	4.6
Merlin	62.4	−23.3
Target Equity	62.1	−34.1
Allied First	61.7	−14.3
Tyndall Capital	61.7	−29.6
Cabot F	60.1	−26.8
National Domestic	58.5	−39.1
Buckingham	58.5	−4.0
Henderson Inc Ass	56.9	−12.9
Wickmoor	56.8	—
Target Commodity	56.6	−40.9
Emblem Fund F	56.4	−41.9
National Hundred	55.7	−13.6
M & G General	55.6	−14.4
National Investors	55.6	−36.8
National Security	54.3	−23.8
Private Portfolio	53.2	−50.7
Great Winchester M	51.4	−39.9
Prolific	51.2	−14.7
Marlborough	50.8	−1.8
National Century	50.3	−22.0
Bishopsgate Prog F	50.1	−32.4
Clyde General	49.3	−29.4
Ionian Growth F	48.2	−37.5
Brown Shipley	47.6	−3.1
Kleinwort Benson F	46.8	−11.6
National Consolid	46.4	−13.7
Barclaytrust Invest	46.1	—
National Invs Second	46.0	−32.6
L & C Unit Trust	45.2	−16.5
M & G Sec General	45.0	−16.5
Minster	44.4	−42.8
Sebag Capital	44.1	—
Abacus Giants	42.3	−34.3
Oceanic Growth	40.4	−50.1
Family Fund	38.7	−12.7
Gartmore British	38.1	—
Ariel	37.0	−39.4
Key Private	36.2	−37.2
Glen Fund	34.5	−40.8
Slater Brit General	33.9	−43.8
Lawson Scottish	33.3	—
National Group Provi	32.6	−35.1
National Commercial	30.1	−30.0
Oceanic General	30.1	−46.5
Jascot Sect Leads	27.3	−41.9
Slater Brit Cap Gth	25.4	−47.5
Archway Capital F	22.3	−30.8
Portfolio Growth	20.4	−48.7
National Shamrock	17.8	−37.9
Cosmopolitan Growth	6.4	−64.1
Piccadilly Inc/Grow	4.7	−29.4
INCOME		
Hill Samuel Income	145.4	−2.7
Schroder Income F	119.4	−5.9
Framlington Income	119.1	−1.9
S & P Ebor Sel Inc F	117.7	−8.0
M & G Extra Yield	117.1	—
S & P Ebor High Ret	112.4	−0.6
M & G Dividend	106.6	−1.8
S & P Scotincome	104.1	−17.6
Crescent High Distr	102.8	−12.3
High Income Prior	102.4	−17.4
National West Inc	99.1	−13.5
Morgan Gren Income	97.4	0.2
Unicorn Extra Inc	95.4	−1.3
Abbey Income	94.9	—
S & P High Yield	93.7	−4.6
Hill Samuel High Yd	92.8	−12.5
S & P Income	89.5	−8.7
Lloyds Bank Third	87.7	−10.2
Mutual High Yield	87.1	17.0
Clyde High Income	82.9	2.5
Allied Equity Income	80.6	−14.0
Target Income	80.6	−16.4
Allied Ham High Yld	80.3	—
Pearl Income	80.3	−18.7
S & P Scotyields	80.2	−13.5
Tyndall Natcom Inc F	77.8	−17.0
Mutual Income	76.7	−12.6
Hambro Income	76.6	−18.0
Merlin High Yield	75.8	—
Unicorn Income	74.0	−23.6
Prolific High Inc	71.7	—
Henderson High Inc	71.6	−2.3
Key Income	68.1	−21.9
Tyndall Income	68.1	−20.5
Allied High Income	63.0	−9.3
Charterhouse Income	61.8	−20.6
Sebag Income	60.1	—
Midland Drayton Inc	59.2	−3.9
Trident Income	57.6	−29.7
Canlife Income	56.9	—
Slater Walker High In	56.0	1.1
Bridge Tallsman Inc	55.5	−13.3
M & G Conv Income	55.4	—
Slater Brit Income	54.9	−15.5
Archway Income F	52.4	4.4
New Court Income	51.7	—
Gartmore High Inc	51.2	—
Brandts Income	50.8	−15.0
National High Income	49.2	−9.2
Arbuthnot Income	47.3	−22.0
British Life Dividend	46.9	−24.6
Oceanic High Income	45.9	−29.4
Royal Trust Inc	45.7	—
Lawson High Yield	45.2	—
G.T. Income	42.8	—
Slater Brit Extra Inc	41.3	−21.7
Ionian Income M	41.0	−16.3
Slater Brit High Inc	35.4	—
Piccadilly Extra Inc	35.0	−18.3

A : Change over one year to bid, net income reinvested.
B : Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested.
Both taken to December 4, 1975.
M : Trust valued monthly.
F : Trust valued every two weeks.

Higher Rate Taxpayers

Schlesingers "Nil Yield" Fund is specifically designed for you.

Total Net Returns

Many investors are now looking increasingly at total NET returns from investments rather than at gross dividend returns which can suffer very high rates of taxation.

Capital growth	Tax Rates* 50%	70%	90%	98%
	Gross income yield equivalent			
2%=	3.5%	5.8%	17.5%	87.5%
4%=	7.0%	11.7%	35.0%	175.0%
6%=	10.5%	17.5%	25.2%	262.5%

The case for a capital return

The table, indicating the gross income yields equivalent (at varying income-tax rates) to the specified gross capital gains, shows how unattractive such income can be compared with gains made in an Authorised Unit Trust. Here, very modest relative capital gain offers the same net return as a very high gross income at the upper end of the tax range. In fact, for the 70% tax payer capital gains in an Authorised Unit Trust are worth at least 2.9 times as much as the same income return. Clearly, the case is equally strong for ★ Trustees, particularly of Children's settlements ★ Capital Transfer Tax planning ★ Those paying the investment income surcharge ★ Previous investors in Savings 3% in 1965-1975 ★ Other investors requiring a portfolio return principally or wholly in the form of Capital Gain, rather than income.

Aims and structure of the "Nil Yield" Fund

This fund has been designed to achieve a portfolio return principally or wholly by way of capital gain. However, the managers currently expect that there will be a small income accumulation within the Fund about every 2-3 years. There are specialised techniques to achieve such a return but most are impractical for the private investor since they need constant monitoring and a high degree of technical expertise besides considerable administration.
By concentrating full time professional management on one portfolio and using to full advantage the tax and administrative efficiencies inherent in Authorised Unit Trusts, Schlesinger Trust Managers have resolved this difficulty and can also offer a diversified portfolio.
The Fund is divided into 3 broad categories of investment:

1. Fixed Interest
This sector includes 'Deep Discount' Gilts where the redemption yield is substantially represented by capital gain. This sector and cash awaiting investment currently accounts for 66% of the Trust.

2. Overseas Growth Stocks
This sector – some 20% of the Trust – includes particular emphasise on the U.S. stockmarket, currently favoured by the Managers.
Back-to-back foreign currency facilities are used to avoid substantially the risks of the dollar premium.

3. U.K. Equities
This sector – currently 14% of the Trust – includes low yielding equities and a small proportion in the Capital Shares of Dual Capital Investment Trust Companies. The portfolio is therefore broadly diversified and, in the opinion of the Managers, is likely to be less volatile than an investment in any one of these areas. The managers concentrate more on Capital protection than on moving in line with market indices.

The managers will alter the structure of the portfolio as appropriate to achieve the objective of the Fund. An investment in this Fund should be regarded as long term.

Special Features

Include a Share Exchange Scheme; a withdrawal Facility for regular capital realisation; Trustee Status; quarterly Investment Reports and Portfolio Valuations; advantageous CGT position applicable to Authorised Unit Trusts; Trustees to the Fund: Midland Bank Trust Co. Ltd.

*The figures used throughout are based on the April 1975 Budget.

Minimum investment in the Fund is £2,500. For full details please write to Client Liaison Dept., Schlesingers, 140 South Street, Dorking, Surrey. If you would like to discuss your personal requirements please contact Ian Forsyth at our London office.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER: Wire bars showed gains of £4 for cash and £3.75 for three months.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £562-62.50 a metric ton; three months, £582-83. Sales, 2,025 tons. Cash cathodes, £549-51.00; three months, £569-70. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £561-61.50; three months, £581-81.50. Settlement, £561.50. Sales, 8,775 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £548.50-49.00; three months, £568-68.50. Settlement, £549. Sales 1,025 tons (about half carries).
SILVER was about 2p lower on all three LME positions.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 198.90p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 405.2); three months, 204.40 (409.8c); six months, 210.60p (418c); one-year, 224.40p (437.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon:—Cash, 197.6-97.8p; three months, 203.4-03.5p; seven months, 212-12.5p. Sales 69 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 198.7-99.00p; three months, 204.4-04.5 seven months, 213-13.5p. Settlement 199p. Sales, 44 lots.
TIN was £5 higher for both standard cash and three months.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,024-25 a metric ton; three months, £3,094-96. Sales, 680 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,024-25; three months, £3,094-95. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,025-27; three months, £3,098-96. Settlement, £3,027. Sales, 165 tons. High grade, cash, £3,025-27; three months, £3,095-96. Settlement, £3,027. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M938.125 a picul.
LEAD was quiet and steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £163.50-63.75 a metric ton; three months, £170.75-71.00. Sales, 725 tons. Morning.—Cash, £162-63.25; three months, £170.25-70.75. Settlement, £163.25. Sales, 2,100 tons.
ZINC recorded gains of £6 for cash and £5.25 for three months. Afternoon.—Cash, £355.50-36.00 a metric ton; three months, £347.25-47.50. Sales, 975 tons. Morning.—Cash, £335.25-35.75; three months, £347-47.50. Settlement, £335.75. Sales, 2,350 tons. Producers' price, £390 *a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.*
PLATINUM was 40p down at £70.10 ($142) a troy ounce.
RUBBER was slightly easier.—Jan, 35.75-36.25p per kilo; Feb, 36.10-36.50p; Jan-March, 36.45-36.65p; April-June, 37.60-37.75p; July-Sept, 38.70-38.80p; Oct-Dec, 39.60-39.80p; Jan-March, 40.75-40.85p; April-June, 41.60-41.70p; July-Sept, 41.80-42.05p. Sales: 97 lots at 15 tonnes.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly easier.—Spot, 34.75-35.75. Cifs, Jan, 35.25-35.50; Feb, 34.15-34.30.
COFFEE: *Robusta futures were easier,* nearby January dropping £5.50 while March futures were £5 lower.
ROBUSTAS.—Jan, £753-54 a metric ton; March, £735-36; May, £736-37; July, £740-41; Sept, £743-44; Nov, £747-49; Jan, £753-54. Sales: 539 lots including 16 options.
ARABICAS were dull.—Dec, $85-95 per 50 kilo; Feb, $89-89.30; April, $89.50-89.40; June, $89-90; Aug, $89.25-91; Oct, $90-91.70; Dec, $90.50-92.50. Sales: 8 lots.
COCOA: Nearby December was £5.50 higher and March futures were £6.25 higher.—Dec, £687.50-88.00 per metric ton; March £658.50-59.00; May, £659-40; July, £630-31; Sept, £620-26; Dec, £614-16; March, £612-14. Sales: 2,476 lots. ICO prices: daily, 56.42c; 15-day average, 54.70c; 22-day average, 55.48c (US cents per lb).
SUGAR futures were slightly easier. The London daily prices were unchanged at £138 for "raws" and £165 for "whites".—March, £149.35-49.50 per long ton; May, £150.90-51.10; Aug, £152.25-52.90; Oct, £153.05-53.45; Dec, £153.60-54.50; March, £154-54.25; May, £154-55. Sales: 891 lots. ISA prices: 12.50c; 17-day average 12.90c.
SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Dec, £83-88 per metric ton; Feb, £85.90-86.00; April, £86.80-86.90; June, £87.70-87.80; Aug, £88.60-88.90; Oct, £89.60-89.80. Sales: 40 lots.
WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Dec, 172-82p per kilo; March, 178-80p; May, 180-84p; July, 185-86p; Oct, 192.5-93.0p; Dec, 196-98.8p; March, 196.5-200.0p; May, 197.5-203.0p. Sales: 8 lots.
JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Dec-Jan £195 per long ton. "D" grade, Dec-Jan, £185. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Dec, Rs450 per bale of 400lb. Dundee *Daisee, Dec, Rs450.*
GRAIN (The Baltic).—Small parcels of EEC feed wheat for early new year positions traded to east coast ports at steady price levels but other imported grains remained relatively quiet.
WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £100.35; Feb, £100.80; March, £101, direct Tilbury. April mid-May, £99.30; May, £99.20; June, £99.55; July, £99.85, trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Dec, £63.60; Jan £64.90 trans-shipment east coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Dec, £66.25; Jan, £67.75; Feb, £68.25 trans-shipment east coast seller. South African white: Jan, £68.25; Feb, £68.50; March, £68.75 UK. South African yellow: Jan, £67.25; Feb, £67.50; March, £67.75 UK.
BARLEY.—EEC feed: Dec, £68.50 west coast. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta), EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady. Jan, £63.15; March, £65.35; May, £66.95; Sept, £65.40; Nov, £67.30. WHEAT was steady.—Jan, £64.35; March, £66.25; May, £67.75; Sept, £66.55; Nov, £68.20.
Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Soft Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Lancashire	—	£62.75	£60.95
Kent	—	£60.00	£59.15

The United Kingdom monetary co-efficients for the week beginning Monday, December 8, will remain unchanged.
MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fat-stock prices at representative markets on December 5.—UK: Cattle, £21.24 per live cwt (+0.17). Sheep, 38.0p per lb EDCW (+0.1). Pigs, £4.98 per SCLW (-0.06). *England and Wales:* Cattle numbers up 16.5 per cent, average price £21.79 (-0.03). Sheep numbers up 61.4 per cent, price 38.1p (—). Pig numbers up 6.6 per cent, average price £4.98 (-0.06). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 64.1 per cent, average price £23.41 (+0.49). Sheep numbers up 113.1 per cent, average price 37.9p (+0.8). Pigs, nil.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	11%
First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND NO. 93 ON THE 6 PER CENT CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK

Notice is hereby given that dividend No. 93 of 3 per cent for the half-year ending 31st December, 1975, equivalent to three cents per stock unit, being at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, has been declared payable to stockholders registered in the books of the Corporation at the close of business on 19th December, 1975, and to persons presenting coupon No. 94 detached from stock warrants to bearer. A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 94 detached from stock warrants to bearer will be published in the Press by the London Secretaries of the Corporation on or about 19th December, 1975.

The stock transfer registers and registers of stockholders will be closed from 20th December, 1975, to 3rd January, 1976, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 22nd January, 1976. Registered stockholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 13th January, 1976, of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such stockholders, may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the offices of the Corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 19th December, 1975.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 12.4767 per cent.

The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the Corporation and also at the offices of the Corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

By order of the Board
For and on behalf of
ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED
D. H. J. Pattison

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5th December, 1975

ANGLO AMERICAN INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND NO. 42 ON THE 6 PER CENT CUMULATIVE PREFERENCE SHARES

Notice is hereby given that dividend No. 42 of 3 per cent for the half-year ending 31st December 1975, being at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, has been declared payable to preference shareholders registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 9th January, 1976.

The preference share transfer registers and registers of preference shareholders will be closed from *10th to 23rd January 1976, both days* inclusive, and dividend warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 12th February 1976. Registered preference shareholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 3rd February 1976 of the rand currency value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such preference shareholders may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency provided that any such request is received at the offices of the company's transfer secretaries on or before 9th January, 1976.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 14.8515 per cent.

The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the company and also at the offices of the company's transfer *secretaries in Johannesburg and* the United Kingdom.

By order of the Board
For and on behalf of
ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED
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Food group calls for receiver

As proposals which it was hoped would lead to a takeover offer have not materialized, frozen foods group FPE has asked National Westminster Bank to appoint a receiver. Dealings in its shares were suspended last week after the directors announced the talks. The prospective purchaser, however, does not now wish to proceed. FPE's directors said yesterday they had been looking for buyers for all or part of its business.

When dealings stopped the shares were 5½p, valuing the group at about £200,000. Its offshoot, Food Containers, continues to trade as a separate entity.

Highams falters

Pre-tax profits of Highams, the Accrington-based textile manufacturer, slipped 22 per cent to £303,000 in the six *months to September 27. Turn*over fell from £8.6m to £8m. The profits were struck after charging interest of £156,000 against £186,000. The board sees no improvement in the textile industry. Earlier this year Courtaulds agreed to reduce its stake in Highams—thus apparently precluding any attempt *to control the company.* In August, Highams bought Skol Clothing, of Middleton. The interim dividend is held at 1.04p gross.

Triplex cautious

After hoisting pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £677,000 in the six months to September 30 *Triplex* Foundries Group is in for a tough second half year. But Mr R. Harrison, chairman, thinks that the group can maintain reasonable business and in some areas things are improving. Although margins limitation does not help the group build up cash for investment, *the board is pressing on with* reequipment.

Cons Murchison payout slashed

Consolidated Murchison, the world's largest antimony concentrates producer, has slashed its final dividend 40 cents to 60 cents, making a total of 80 cents compared with 130 cents, following a severe drop in profits. The South African mining company expects the attributable profit for the year to the end of December to fall from R11.8m (£6.7m) to R6.8m.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar extended initial gains in European exchange markets yesterday, closing generally higher. Washington news that the Senate had voted to limit debate on the Bill authorizing federal loans for New York City, clearing the way for passage of the Bill, consolidated the currency's gains in late *trading, dealers said.*

Sterling closed 50 points down against the dollar at $2.0245, but remained steady at 30.0 per cent measured on its trade-weighted depreciation rate.

Gold fell $1.00 to $137.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) December 5	Market rates (close) December 5
New York	$2.0235-0310	$2.0240-0250
Montreal	$2.0460-0530	$2.0465-0475
Amsterdam	5.42-45fl	5.42½-43½fl
Brussels	79.70-80.20f	79.85-80.05f
Copenhagen	12.37-40k	12.37½-38½k
Frankfurt	5.29-32m	5.29½-30½m
Lisbon	54.50-80e	54.55-75e
Madrid	120.40-90p	120.45-65p
Milan	1380-85lr	1380½-82½lr
Oslo	11.21½-24½k	11.22-23k
Paris	9.00-03f	9.00½-01½f
Stockholm	8.91½-94½k	8.92-93k
Tokyo	615-25y	620½-22½y
Vienna	37.20-60sch	37.30-50sch
Zurich	5.33-37f	5.33¾-34¾f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 30.0 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.87-.77c prem	2.40-2.30c prem
Montreal	.30-.20c prem	.85-.75c prem
Amsterdam	3-2c prem	8½-7½c prem
Brussels	40-20c prem	110-90c prem
Copenhagen	7-5ore prem	18-14ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf pm prem	10-8pf prem
Lisbon	15c prem-45c disc	40c prem-80c disc
Milan	3-1lr prem	8-6lr prem
Oslo	5-3ore prem	13-11ore prem
Paris	4-2c prem	10-8c prem
Stockholm	4-2ore prem	10½-8½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	75-50gro prem
Zurich	3½-2½c prem	10½-9½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9888-91.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5-5½; seven days, 5¼-5¾; one month, 6¼-6¾; three months, 6¾-6⅞; six months, 7¼-7⅜.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $138.25 (an ounce); pm, $138.00.

Krugerrand: (per coin) $141-143 (£69.75-70.65) (domestic) $140.75-142.75 (£69.50-70.50) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $41.75-42.75 (£20.75-21.25) (new); $43.50-45.50 (£21.50-22.50) (international).

Victoria Carpet back in black

Having turned a £1.1m pre-tax profit into a loss of £256,000 in the year to March 29 last, Victoria Carpet Holdings got out of the red in the six months to September 27. On a turnover up from £4.03m to £4.86m, pre-tax profits were £244,000 against a loss of £109,000, and the upturn should continue. The group pays an interim dividend of 0.67p against 0.65p, and it expects to declare an unchanged final dividend of 1.3p gross.

GLENMURRAY INV

Net revenue before tax for year to October 31, £148,000 (£135,000). *Total payment for year, 2.07p* gross (2.01p). Interim for current year, 0.92p gross (0.89p).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1981 ..	103¼	104¼
Air France 9¼ 1982 ..	102	103
Airlease 8¼ 1988	87	90
ARDB 9¼ 1980 ..	100	101
Ashland 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	100	101
BFCE 9 1982 ..	101	102
Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981 ..	101	102
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 ..	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	89	90
Carrier 8 1987 ..	89	90
CECA 8¾ 1982 ..	99	100
Chevron 7 1980 ..	97½	99
Conoco 7 1980 ..	97	98½
Conoco 8 1986 ..	96½	97½
Cons Foods 7½ 1991 ..	86½	87½
CSR 9½ 1980 ..	100	101
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	92	93
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	92	93
Dana 8 1987 ..	90	91
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 ..	84	85
DSM 9¼ 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
EIB 9 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
EIB 9¼ 1985 ..	101	102
Escom 9¼ 1989 ..	90	92
Escom 10¼ 1983 ..	99¼	100¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982 ..	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980 ..	94	95
GATX 8¾ 1987 ..	89½	90½
Gould 9¼ 1985 ..	99	100
Guardian Royal 8 1987	77	80
Gulf and Western 9¼ 1980 ..	101	102
ICI 7½ 1992 ..	84	87
International Util 8½ 1987 ..	96	97
Motorola 8 1987 ..	93	94
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988 ..	86	86
New Zealand 9 1980 ..	101½	102½
New Zealand 9½ 1982 ..	101¼	102¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 ..	102¼	103¼
Nippon Steel 9½ 1980 ..	99½	100½
NA Rockwell 8½ 1987 ..	89	90
Occidental 10 1981 ..	98½	99½
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	100½	101½
Pacific Lighting 8 1986	89½	90½
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	103	104
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	91½	[illegible]
Scranraff 7¾ 1990 ..	91	92
Scranraff 8¾ 1988 ..	96½	97½
Shell 7½ 1987 ..	92½	93½
Singer 11 1977 ..	97½	98
Standinavisk 10¼ 1981	104	105
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	101	102
Standard Oil [illegible] 1983	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	[illegible]	100
Strutsgorelia 9¼ 1980	100	101
Sybron 8 1987 ..	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987 ..	87	88
Textron 7¾ 1987 ..	86	87
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	92	[illegible]
Union Oil 7½ 1987 ..	91½	[illegible]
Williams & Glyns 8¾ 1987 ..	81	84
DM BONDS		
CFP 8½ 1985 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark 6¼ 1989 ..	100	101
ICI 8¼ 1982 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexico 9 1982 ..	100¼	101¼
National Westminster 8 1988 ..	92¼	[illegible]
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¼ 1982 ..	101½	101½
Sun Int Fin 7½ 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987 ..	[illegible]	65
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	108¼	110¼
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 5 1992 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 6¾ 1991 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carnation 4 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron 5 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cummins 6¼ 1986 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	118	120
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	79	81
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985 ..	127	129
Ford 5 1988 ..	[illegible]	78
Ford 6 1986 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	[illegible]	78
Gould 5 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Electric 4¼ 1987	[illegible]	78
Gulf and Western 5 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harris 5 1992 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT 4½ 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 ..	111	113
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	100	102
Nabisco 5½ 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Revlon 4¼ 1987 ..	100	102
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb 4¾ 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco 4¾ 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	100	102
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	76	[illegible]

DM = Deutschmark issue
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities London

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1974-75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	25	Armitage & Rhodes	28	+1	3.0	10.7	7.4
99	94	Deborah Services	99	—	7.5	7.6	5.2
135	90	Henry Sykes	135	—	4.9	3.7	9.0
61	18	Twinlock Ord	22xd	—	0.9	4.0	5.7
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	53	—	12.0	22.6	—
62	48	*Unilock Holdings*	60xd	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

Discount market

Credit was again short in Lombard Street yesterday, and the authorities gave assistance by buying a moderate amount of Treasury bills direct from market houses. Rates did not move far from 11 per cent for day-to-day money until the last few minutes when they eased off to close on the basis of 8 to 9 per cent, although some houses squared their books in the early afternoon by paying 10½ per cent for the small amounts they required.

Overall the picture was rather quiet but one or two houses reported a fairly substantial turnover of money. There was a moderate business in bills.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 28/11/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 11 Close 10½
Week Fixed: 10¼-11

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10⅛
3 months	10⅝	3 months	10⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10⅝-10½	3 months	11½
3 months	10⅝-10⅝	4 months	11¾
4 months	10⅝-10⅝	6 months	11¾
6 months	10⅝-10⅝		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11¼-11¾	7 months	11½-11¼
2 months	11¼-11¼	8 months	11½-11¼
3 months	11½-11¼	9 months	11½-11¼
4 months	11½-11¼	10 months	11½-11¼
5 months	11½-11¼	11 months	11½-11¼
6 months	11½-11¼	12 months	11¾-11½

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11⅛-10⅞	6 months	11⅝-11⅜
3 months	11¼-11⅛	12 months	11¾-11½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	*11*	*3 months*	*11¼*
7 days	11⅛	6 months	11¼
1 month	11¼	1 year	12¼

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 11-10½ Close 3½

1 week	11¼-11	6 months	11¾-11⅝
1 month	11⅛-10⅞	9 months	11⅞-11¾
3 months	11⅝-11¼	12 months	11½-11½

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11¼ | 6 months 11¾

Finance House Base Rate 12%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£393m	allotted	£400m
Bids at	£97.28%	received	39%
Last week	£97.26%	received	50%
Average rate	£10.9775%	Last week	£10.9880%
Next week	£400m	replace	£300m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¼% 1981 (£99½ab)	£10¼
Coventry 13½% 1980 (£99¾e)	£30½
Elandsrand Gold 30c (R3)	295+10
Essex Wtr 9% Pf (£)	£11½
Islington 13¼% 1980 (£100)	£51¼
Do 14¼% 85-86 (£100)	£48¼
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£)	£99¼
Treasury 10½% 'A' 1979 (£95½)	£95¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Anglo Am Asph (100‡)	..	80 prem-1
Berisford (S. W) (25‡)	Mar 3	101 prem
Berry Wiggins (33)	Jan 7	54
Brit Home Strs (285‡)	..	57 prem-1
Capper-Neill (32‡)	..	19 prem
Charles D. (10)	Jan 9	21
Fenner Hldgs (90‡)	..	30 prem-3
Hunting Assoc (63‡)	..	22 prem
Ibstock (60‡)	Jan 5	33 prem
Kwik Save (10‡)	Jan 16	116 prem+3
Mowlem J (68‡)	..	9 prem
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1.5‡)	..	158 prem+3
Pontins (10‡)	..	15¼ prem+¼
Runciman W (92‡)	..	26 prem+1½
Spillers (38‡)	..	5 prem-½
Watson and Philip (30‡)	..	49 prem-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 5.—Stocks were battered again today in a bad week for the stock market. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 10.31 points to 818.80. For the week, it was off a total of 41.87 points.

Once again today declining issues dominated gainers, as they did throughout most of the week. Volume was 14,050,000 shares compared with 16,380,000 shares on Thursday.

Silver rallies at close

New York, Dec 5.—Silver futures *rallied at the close on evening-up in* front of the weekend. Final losses were small at 0.20 to 0.80c compared with 5.00c at the lows of the day. Earlier, the market fell through the psychologically bearish 400.00c level and to the lowest in a year at 396.90c on active stop loss selling. Dec, 401.30c; Jan, 402.50c; Feb, 405.20c; March, 408.00c; May, 414.50c; July, 431.00c; Sept, 437.50c; Dec, 437.40c; Jan, 440.60; March, 447.50. Handy and Harman New York $401.50 (previous $405.50). Handy and Harman of Canada Can $4.065 ($4.107).
GOLD: NY COMEX: Dec, $137.80; Jan, $138.30; Feb, $138.70; April, $140.10; June, $141.60; Aug, $143.20; Oct, $144.90; Dec, $146.60; Feb, $148.40; April, $150.20. CHICAGO IMM: Dec, $137.80; March, $139.20-$139.50; June, $141.50-$141.60; Sept, $143.90 bid; Dec, $146.20 bid; March, $150.00 bid.
COPPER.—Tone was firm on estimated sales of 2,136. Dec, 53.70c; Jan, 53.90c; Feb, 54.30c; March, 54.80c; May, 55.80c; July, 56.80c; Sept, 57.80c; Dec, 59.00c; Jan, 59.40c.
SUGAR.—World sugar futures finished a spiritless session at 0.08 to 0.03c lower on sales of 2,053 lots. Jan, 12.48c nominal; March, 12.59-12.57c; *May, 12.69-12.68c; July, 12.75-12.76c;* Oct, 12.88-12.87c; March, 12.97-12.98c; May, 13.00-13.01c. Spot: 12.45c unchanged.
COCOA.—Cocoa futures were firm at the close with gains of 1.20 to 0.90c on commission house short covering bolstered by constructive chart features. The tone of the market was also aided by an unconfirmed report that large amounts of cocoabeans in Nigeria were deteriorating in storage as a result of the serious port congestion in Lagos.—Dec, 61.49c; March, 58.10c; May, 56.00c; July, 54.65c; Sept, 53.60c; Dec, 52.35.
COFFEE.—Coffee futures finished another dull session at 0.15c lower to 0.15c higher. Sales were poor at 140 lots.—Dec, 80.00c; March, 79.30-79.50c; May, 79.80-79.90c; July, 80.80-80.90c; Sept, 81.45-81.60c; Dec, 82.00-82.30c.
COTTON: Futures closed an overall quiet session with minor changes for the day. Volume was estimated at 2,050 contracts. There was little feature to the market as the trade awaited next Wednesday's USDA cotton crop and production estimate, market sources reported. Dec, 55.05c bid; March, 57.12-57.35c; May, 58.08c; July, 58.65c; Oct, 57.33c; Dec, 56.32c; March, 56.77c bid; May, 56.85c bid.
WOOL: Fine wool futures closed unchanged to 0.20c up, on an estimated three sales. Crossbreds closed 0.30c down to 0.20c up, on two sales.
GREASE WOOL: Spot, 169.0c nominal. Dec, 162.0-173.5c; March, 162.0-168.5c; May, 160.0-164.5c; July, 156.0-161.5; Oct, 157.0-161.0c; Dec, 137.0-161.0c; March, 154.0-162.5c; May 151.0 bid. CROSSBRED: Spot, 94.0c nominal. Dec, 91.0-95.0c; March, 92.0-97.0c; May, 92.0-97.0c; July, 93.0-97.0c; Oct, 89.0 bid; Dec, 89.0 bid; March, 86.0 bid; May, 83.0 bid.
CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Local liquidation and commercial selling led to final losses of 3¾ to 9¾c a bushel in soyabean futures. SOYABEANS: Jan, 483-484c; March, 500½-501c; May, 508½c; Aug, 513c; Sept, 517-517½c; Nov, 520½c; Jan, 530¼-532c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Dec, $135.00-134.70; Jan, $135.50-135.80; March, $137.50-137.30. SOYABEAN MEAL (NEW): March, $135.50-134.00; May, $136.50; July, $139.50-140.00; Aug, $141.00-141.50; Sept, $143.00-144.00; Oct, $143.00-144.00. SOYABEAN OIL: Dec, 17.65-17.75c; Jan, 17.65-17.70c; March, 17.80-17.85c; May, 17.95-17.90c; July, 18.00-18.05c; Aug, 18.05c; Sept, 18.00c; Oct, 17.90-18.00c; Dec, 18.00c.
CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat, maize and oats all closed easy. WHEAT: Dec, 346-346½c; March, 358-357½c; May, 364-363½c; July, 366c; Sept, 371½c. MAIZE: Dec, 266¼-266½c; March, 275¾-276c; May, 280¾-280½c; July, 282-282½c; Sept, 278-278½c; Dec, 269¼-269c. March, 276¼-276c. OATS: Dec, 162½c; March, 157½-157½c; May, 154½c; July, 151c.

	Dec 5	Dec 4		Dec 5	Dec 4		Dec 5	Dec 4
Allied Chem	31¼	32¾	Ford	41¼	41½	RCA Corp	18⅛	18⅜
Allied Stores	43	43	GAF Corp	10⅜	10⅜	Republic Steel	26⅞	27
Allied Supermkt	3⅜	3⅜	Gamble Skogmo	22	22⅛	Reynolds Ind	57⅞	58
Allis Chalmers	11	11	Gen Dynamics	35⅜	36⅜	Reynolds Metal	27⅞	28⅞
Alcoa	34½	34⅞	Gen Electric	45⅛	46	Rockwell Int	20⅞	20⅞
Amax Inc	45⅛	45	Gen Foods	26⅞	27¼	Royal Dutch	36⅞	37
Amerada Hess	33⅛	35⅞	Gen Instrument	7⅞	7⅞	Safeways	39¾	40⅜
Am Airlines	7⅞	7⅞	Gen Mills	27⅝	27½	St Regis Paper	30⅞	31
Am Brands	36⅞	36⅞	Gen Motors	53	53⅜	Santa Fe Ind	27⅞	28⅞
Am Broadcast	19⅝	19½	Gen Pub Util NY	15⅞	15⅞	SCM	11⅞	11⅞
Am Can	31⅛	31¼	Gen Tel Elec	24⅛	24⅜	Schlumberger	70	71⅝
Am Cyanamid	23⅛	23⅜	Gen Tire	16	16⅜	Scott Paper	14⅞	14⅞
Am Elec Power	20⅞	20⅞	Genesco	5⅞	4⅞	Seaboard Coast	19⅞	19⅞
Am Home	34⅛	35⅞	Georgia Pacific	41⅞	42½	Seagram	28	28¼
Am Motors	5⅞	5⅞	Getty Oil	157	156	Sears Roebuck	67⅛	68⅜
Am Nat Gas	32	32	Gillette	31½	31⅜	Shell Oil	47⅞	48⅜
Am Standard	15⅛	15⅛	Goodrich	16⅞	16⅞	Shell Trans	29⅞	30
Am Telephone	49⅞	49½	Goodyear	20⅝	21	Signal Co	14	14⅞
AMF Inc	16⅛	16⅛	Gould Inc	23	24⅞	Singer	9⅞	9⅞
Anaconda	16⅞	16⅞	Grace	24⅞	24½	Sony	9⅞	10
Armco Steel	24⅛	24	Gt Atlte & Pacific	9⅞	9⅞	Sth Cal Edison	19	19⅛
Asarco	12½	12⅞	Greyhound	12⅞	13	Southern Pacific	28	28⅞
Ashland Oil	18	18⅞	Grumman Corp	14	14⅛	Southern Rly	48⅜	49⅜
Atlntic Richfield	86¼	89	Gulf Oil	20	20⅛	Sperry Rand	39⅞	40
Avco	4	4¼	Gulf & West	20	20⅜	Squibb	35	35
Avon Products	36⅞	41⅛	Heinz H. J.	51¼	51½	Std Brands	35	35⅜
Babcock & Wcox	18½	18⅞	Hercules	25⅜	25⅞	Std Oil Califnia	28⅞	28⅞
Bankers Tst NY	26	27⅛	Honeywell	32⅞	33⅜	Std Oil Indiana	41⅛	41⅞
Bank of America	37⅞h	39⅛ah	IC Inds	15½	15⅞	Std Oil Ohio	66⅞	67
Bank of NY	26	25½	Ingersoll	68⅜	67⅞	Sterling Drug	18	18⅜
Beatrice Foods	23⅛	23⅛	Inland Steel	38	37⅞	Stevens J. P.	17	17⅛
Bell & Howell	15⅞	15½	IBM	214⅞	220⅛	Stude Worth	38⅜	38⅜
Bendix	42	41⅛	Int Harvester	22⅞	22⅞	Sunbeam Corp	20⅞	20⅞
Bethlehem Steel	31	31⅞	Int Nickel	24⅞	24⅞	*Sundstrand*	15⅞	16⅛
Boeing	22½	23⅛	Int Paper	53½	55	Sun Oil	15	15
Boise Cascade	20⅞	21⅛	Int Tel Tel	21⅛	21⅜	Teledyne	26⅞	26⅞
Borden	23⅞	26⅜	Jewel Co	19⅞	20	Tenneco	26⅞	26⅞
Borg Warner	19⅞	19⅞	Jim Walter	32⅞	31⅛	Texaco	22⅞	23⅜
Bristol Myers	67	68⅛	Johns-Manville	21⅛	21⅛	Texas East Trans	37⅞	37⅞
BP	11⅞	11⅞	Johnson & John	87½	89⅛	Texas Inst	97⅛	97⅞
Budd	9	8⅞	Kaiser Alumin	24⅛	24⅛	Texas Utilities	19⅞	19⅞
Burlington Ind	27½	27⅞	Kennecott	27⅞	28⅞	Textron	21	21⅞
Burlington Ntnn	30⅛	30	Kerr McGee	68⅜	69⅛	TWA	8⅞	8⅞
Burroughs	81⅛	82⅛	Kimberly Clark	33⅛	33⅞	Travelers Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Campbell Soup	33⅞	33⅞	Kraftco Corp	41	41⅛	TRW Inc	24	24⅛
Canadian Pacific	13⅛	13⅞	Kresge SS	31⅛	32	UAL Inc	24⅛	24⅞
Caterpillar	66¼	66⅛	Kroger	17⅞	17⅞	Unilever Ltd	32⅞	33⅛
Celanese	39⅛	40	*Lieg Myer*	28⅞	28⅞	Unilever NV	44	44⅜
Central Sova	14⅛	14⅛	LTV	9⅞	9⅞	Uniroyal	7⅞	7⅞
Charter NY	20⅛	20⅛	Litton	6⅞	6⅞	Union Bancorp	8⅞	8⅞
Chase Manhat	29½	29⅛	Lockheed	8	8⅛	Union Carbide	57	57⅞
Chem Bank NY	28⅞	28⅞	Lucky Stores	15⅞	15⅛	Union Oil Calif	43	43⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	30⅜	30⅞	Manuf Hanover	27	27⅛	Un Pacific Corp	73⅜	74⅛
Chrysler	10	9⅞	Mapco	30⅛	30⅞	Uniroyal	7	7⅛
Citicorp	27	28⅛	Marathon Oil	44	44	United Brands	4⅛	4⅛
Cities Service	38½	38⅞	*Marcor Inc*	28	28⅛	Utd Merch & Man	14⅛	14⅛
Clark Equip	25	25⅛	Marine Midland	10½	10½	US Industries	7⅞	7⅞
Coca Cola	81½	83	Martin Marietta	15⅛	15⅞	US Steel	60⅛	61⅛
Colgate	27	27⅛	McDonnell	15⅞	15⅞	Utd Technol	44½	45⅛
CBS	44½	44½	Mead	17	16⅞	Wachovia	16⅞	16⅞
Columbia Gas	22⅛	22⅞	Merck	75⅞	76⅜	Warner Comm	17	17⅛
Combustion Eng	32	32⅞	Minnesota Mng	57⅛	58⅛	Warner Lambert	34½	35⅛
Comwlth Edison	30⅛	30⅛	Mobil Oil	46⅛	45⅛	*Wells Fargo*	16⅛	16⅞
Cons Edison	12⅞	12⅞	Monsanto	70⅛	70½	West'n Bancorp	17⅞	17⅞
Cons Foods	18⅞	18⅞	Morgan J. P.	48⅛	50	Westnghse Elec	13⅛	13⅞
Cons Power	18	18⅛	Motorola	39⅛	40⅞	Weyerhauser	35⅛	35⅞
Continental Can	27⅞	28⅛	NCR Corp	21⅛	21⅜	Whirlpool	23⅜h	26
Continental Oil	56⅛	56⅞	NL Industries	12⅛	12⅛	White Motor	5⅛	5⅜
Control Data	17⅛	18	Nabisco	38⅛	38⅞	Woolworth	21⅛	21⅛
Corning Glass	41½	42⅛	Nat Distillers	15⅛	15⅞	Xerox Corp	47⅛	48⅛
CPC Intnl	42⅛	43⅛	Nat Steel	37½	37⅛	Zenith	22⅞	23⅞
Crane	42⅛	43½	Norfolk West	65⅞	65⅞			
Crocker Int	21½	22	NW Bancorp	44	44⅛			
Crown Zeller	33½	33⅞e	Norton Simon	20⅛	21			
Dart Ind	24⅛	25⅛	Occidental Pet	14½	14⅛			
Deere	47	48⅛	Ogden	15⅛	15⅛			
Del Monte	25	24	Olin Corp	28⅞	29⅛			
Delta Air	33½	34⅛	Otis Elevator	36⅛	36⅛			
Detroit Edison	13⅛	13⅛	Owens-Illinois	47⅞	48			
Disney	46⅛	48½	Pacific Gas Elec	20⅛	20⅛			
Dow Chemical	88⅛	88⅛	Pan Am	5	5			
Dresser Ind	55⅛	58⅛	Penn Central	1⅛	1⅛			
Duke Power	17½	17⅞	Penney J. C.	48⅛	49⅜			
Du Pont	124⅛	126⅞	Pennzoil	19	18⅞			
Eastern Air	3⅞	3⅞	Pepsico	67⅞	69⅛			
Eastman Kodak	102	103⅛	Pet Inc	23⅞	23½			
Eaton Corp	29⅛	29⅛	Pfizer	25⅞	27			
El Paso Nat Gas	11	11⅛	Phelps Dodge	32⅛	31⅞			
Equitable Life	17⅞	17⅛	Philip Morris	51⅛	52⅛			
Esmark	29	29⅛	Phillips Petrol	47⅛	49⅛			
Evans P. D.	4⅛	4⅛	Polaroid	31⅞	33⅛			
Exxon Corp	83⅛	84⅛	PPG Ind	34⅛	34			
Fed Dept Stores	50⅛	52	Proctor Gamble	90⅛	91½			
Firestone	21⅛	21½	Pub Ser El & Gas	17⅛	17½			
Fst Chicago	15	15⅛	Pullman	26⅞	26⅛			
Fst Nat Boston	19⅞	20	Rapid American	5⅛	5			
Fst Penn Corp	13	13⅛	Raytheon	44⅛	44½	WCT	22	22

Canadian Prices

	Dec 5	Dec 4
Abitibi	8⅛	8⅛
Alcan Alumin	21	21⅛
Algoma Steel	24⅛	24⅛
Bell Telephone	43⅛	43⅛
Cominco	33⅞	33⅞
Cons Bathurst	26 h	26⅞
Falconbridge	29½	29½
Gulf Oil	27⅛	27⅛
Hawker Sid Can	6.50	6.50
Hudson Bay Mln	16⅛	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	37	37
Imasco	27⅛	27½
Imperial Oil	23⅞	23⅞
Int Pipe	12⅛	12½
Mass.-Fergsn	18⅞	19
Royal Trust	20	20
Seagram	28⅛	28⅛
Steel Co	26⅛	26⅛
Walker Hiram	29½	28⅞
WCT	22	22

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0237 ($2.0295); three months, $2.0004 ($2.0063); Canadian dollar, 98.93c (98.94c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index fell 0.64 to 290.48. The futures index was down 0.36 to 280.07.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 818.80 (829.11); transportation, 163.84 (164.90); Utilities, 80.8 (80.71); 65 stocks, 250.83 (253.11). New York Stock Exchange index 45.84 (46.35); industrials, 50.7 (51.43); transportation, 30.8 (31.11); utilities, 32.39 (32.29); financial, 43.04 (43.76).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
33.6	20.6	Giants	28.9	31.1	3.94
35.0	21.7	Do Accum	31.3	33.6	3.94
30.3	18.2	Growth	27.5	29.8	4.23
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	30.3	32.2	4.23
31.5	20.7	Income	30.6	32.9	11.17
36.0	23.4	Do Accum	35.0	37.6	11.17
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	17.7	19.1	2.63
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.1	16.8	Abbey Capital	22.0	23.1	4.38
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	30.7	32.3	3.82
27.6	11.0	Do Income	26.6	28.2	8.88
27.5	13.4	Do Invest	26.7	28.4	4.06
		Albea Trust Managers Ltd, 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Albea Trst	55.3	59.5	3.52
50.8	24.3	Do Income*	49.4	53.1	5.60
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
54.6	30.1	Allied Capital	52.5	56.2	6.51
51.3	31.4	Do 1st	49.6	53.0	5.35
51.3	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	48.9	52.3e	5.86
29.1	18.2	Growth & Inc	28.1	30.1	5.96
24.6	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	23.8	25.5e	5.59
35.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	34.3	36.6e	5.73
47.3	29.1	High Income	45.9	49.1	6.96
30.8	16.4	Equity Income	30.0	32.1	6.48
23.8	14.1	International	22.0	23.5	2.21
43.6	25.0	High Yield Fnd	42.6	45.6	9.53
83.6	43.5	Hambro Fnd	79.7	84.8e	5.69
40.8	22.7	Do Income	39.6	42.3	7.21
96.3	44.3	Do Recovery	93.7	100.2	6.88
19.1	9.3	Do Smaller	18.9	20.2	4.61
22.4	15.7	Do Accum	20.9	22.4e	4.77
23.2	13.6	2nd Smaller	22.9	24.5	7.45
44.6	30.4	Secs of America	40.8	43.6e	3.10
130.5	89.5	Exempt Fnd	130.6	137.2	6.37
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd, 252/6 Romford Road, London, E7 01-534 5544			
31.6	25.0	Unicorn Amer	29.8	31.9e	2.42
88.4	35.7	Aust Income	55.5	60.3	2.31
70.6	42.0	Do Accum	67.3	73.0	2.31
55.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	53.2	56.9	4.42
72.4	30.0	Exempt*	70.5	73.4e	6.52
21.2	11.1	Extra Income	20.7	22.2	8.18
50.9	24.0	Financial	47.8	51.7e	4.36
49.8	26.4	Unicorn '500'	48.6	52.6	6.53
24.6	15.6	General	22.6	24.5	6.83
52.7	14.3	Growth Accum	30.0	32.5e	4.61
59.3	30.0	Income	57.5	61.2	6.70
[illegible]	14.9	Recovery	26.1	27.9e	4.98
86.9	54.7	Trustee	83.3	89.3	5.46
46.6	32.4	Worldwide	44.4	47.5	3.26
143.0	96.7	B'ter Inv Fnd	138.4	142.7e	5.35
148.5	97.3	Do Accum	143.8	148.2	5.35
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6299			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	95.0	102.0e	2.23
123.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	103.0	111.0e	2.19
111.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	107.0	114.0	7.67
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd, 5-9 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
198.0	76.0	B.T. Income (2)	174.0	186.0	8.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Cap Inc (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Cap Accum (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Exempt (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (2)	12.9	13.5	4.66
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.9	13.2	4.66
		The British Life, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. [illegible]			
[illegible]		British Life; Balanced (2); Cap Accum (2); Dividend (2)	[illegible]		
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers, Founders Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
[illegible]					
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers, 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
[illegible]					
		Capel (James) Management Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Charities Official Investment			
[illegible]					
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Equitas Securities Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Funds in Court			
[illegible]					
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd			
[illegible]					
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Gartmore Fund Managers			
[illegible]					
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd			
[illegible]					
		Henderson Administration			
[illegible]					
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Beech St, EC2 P2HX. 01-628 8011			
58.9	39.1	Dollar	55.2	59.1e	2.18
30.6	18.8	International	29.2	31.2	3.07
124.7	52.6	Brit Trst	119.9	128.2	5.32
124.7	52.6	Brit Guernsey	119.9	128.3	3.22
23.8	8.3	Cap	22.9	24.5	5.21
82.0	36.2	Fin Trst	78.9	84.4e	4.07
22.3	8.6	Inc Trst	21.5	23.0	6.42
22.4	10.4	High Yield	21.3	22.7e	7.72
42.6	19.1	Secs Trst	41.2	44.1	5.05
		Jascot Securities Ltd, 21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-226 1421			
25.3	12.5	Compound (1)	21.9	23.5	9.88
27.5	14.1	Do Accum (1)	27.3	29.3	9.88
24.2	12.7	8½% Wdraw (1)	22.6	24.3	..
23.9	17.4	Preference	22.3	23.9	13.60
26.6	19.8	Do Accum	24.6	26.6	13.60
18.5	9.8	Cap (2)	17.4	17.6	..
26.2	11.1	Aust Comp Fnd	13.8	14.8	5.95
14.4	10.6	9% W'draw	12.4	13.3	..
23.7	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	19.1	20.3	4.38
16.4	9.5	Fin & Prop (3)	14.3	15.3	4.60
26.9	21.5	Int Growth (4)	24.8	26.7	2.50
22.6	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	18.6	19.9	3.43
37.3	28.5	Commodity (5)	36.1	38.8e	7.51
48.1	28.0	Do Accum (5)	46.7	50.3e	7.51
38.5	24.1	10½% W'draw (5)	36.0	38.5e	..
		Key Fund Managers, 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.8	21.7	Cap Fund	48.8	52.0	4.73
50.3	30.6	Energy Ind Fnd	49.5	52.7	4.43
79.7	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	73.4	80.3	7.31
56.3	32.7	Inc Fnd	53.3	56.6e	8.06
74.2	41.5	KPIF	56.7	60.0	4.96
		Lawson Securities, 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	19.1	22.0	2.09
34.0	18.6	Do Accum	19.0	21.5	2.09
29.8	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	26.5	28.9	3.40
40.6	27.3	High Yield Fnd	38.2	40.6e	11.70
43.5	28.0	Do Accum	40.1	46.1e	11.70
78.7	47.5	Scottish Inc	65.3	71.1e	1.22
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	67.3	73.2	1.22
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
46.4	23.6	Distribution (40)	44.8	47.4	4.98
51.0	26.2	Do Accum (40)	51.0	54.0	4.98
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers, 71 Lombard St, London, EC3 01-623 1288			
39.5	18.5	1st Income	38.5	41.3e	4.65
49.8	22.6	Do Accum	48.4	52.0	4.65
42.7	20.7	2nd Income	41.5	44.3e	3.71
49.5	23.9	Do Accum	48.3	52.4	3.71
63.5	32.5	3rd Income	62.0	66.6	6.70
77.3	37.9	Do Accum	75.6	81.2	6.79
		M & G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.1	78.7	M & G General	128.2	138.0	5.63
179.3	103.9	Do Accum	173.8	186.9	5.63
122.5	74.1	2nd Gen	113.4	120.3e	5.32
163.1	95.5	Do Accum	157.1	166.5	5.32
97.7	52.0	Mid & Gen	96.4	102.5e	7.26
142.4	72.1	Do Accum	140.4	148.9	7.26
82.9	38.8	Div Fnd	79.6	84.4e	8.25
136.5	60.6	Do Accum	131.6	139.5	8.25
101.5	59.2	Special Trst	83.5	89.5	5.14
110.6	66.2	Do Accum	97.1	102.9	5.14
239.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	163.6	171.8	4.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	188.3	199.6	4.57
50.2	28.9	FITS	48.7	51.6e	3.69
56.0	29.5	Do Accum	54.9	58.2	3.69
70.0	46.0	Compound	69.5	73.7	3.69
[illegible]	71.0	Recovery	129.8	136.3	7.12
[illegible]	24.3	Extra Yield	55.4	58.7e	9.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	61.9	67.7	9.79
109.9	69.9	Japan	103.8	110.5	1.08
52.8	34.4	Euro & Gen	47.1	50.2	3.97
38.9	35.5	American & Gen	30.5	32.5	2.34
50.1	28.6	Australasian	48.7	51.9	2.44
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	32.1	34.2	4.20
44.1	21.1	Do Accum	33.0	35.2	4.20
103.5	63.5	Trustee Fnd	100.5	106.1e	6.67
173.8	95.2	Do Accum	158.1	171.4	6.67
115.0	58.9	Charifund* (2)	114.3	116.1e	7.45
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pension* (1)	116.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	19.3	NAACIF	..	[illegible]	12.80
[illegible]	47.0	Do Accum	..	80.6	12.80
[illegible]	20.6	M&GConv	41.1	43.6	2.47
[illegible]	32.4	Circle Gen	51.3	54.4e	5.71
[illegible]	32.1	Do Accum	61.3	63.1	5.71
[illegible]	32.0	Circle High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.82
[illegible]	43.7	Do Accum	86.3	93.6	9.69
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd, Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S13 8RD. 0742 79842			
24.1	13.0	Capital	21.5	24.9	3.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	21.5	24.9	3.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity	42.6	46.0e	5.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum; Growth; Do Accum; Income; Do Accum; International; Do Accum	[illegible]		
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd, 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
41.5	[illegible]	NPI Accum (15)	40.4	43.0	4.19
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Inc (15)	39.9	[illegible]	4.19
121.7	105.6	Do O'seas Acc	121.7	129.6	3.91
119.5	105.9	Do O'seas Dis	119.5	126.8	3.91
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-606 8044			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital	[illegible]	56.4	4.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	[illegible]	33.3	3.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth	70.1	[illegible]	4.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	Extra Income	50.6	54.6	7.83
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	113.0	Equity	123.0	130.0	3.36
115.5	77.4	Income Fund	113.6	120.8e	7.18
[illegible]	60.9	International	85.0	90.1	2.90
104.8	75.0	Smaller Co's	101.8	106.3e	4.42
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
229.7	163.1	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	221.8	233.5	3.72
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 15 Great St Thomas Apostle EC4. 01-236 9281			
[illegible]		Financial; General; Growth Accum; Do Income; High Income; Investment; Overseas; Performance; Recovery	[illegible]		
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd, 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8141			
[illegible]		Growth; Do Accum; Income; Trust; Do Accum	[illegible]		
		Pelican Unit Administration, 81 Fountain Street, Manchester 061-236 5685			
56.0	[illegible]	Pelican	55.0	57.7e	5.60
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management, 48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
92.0	[illegible]	Perpetual Grth	95.0	100.3	4.23
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd, Dore House, London, EC2. 01-606 8741			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inc & Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Extra Inc	28.7	30.4	10.50
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd, 24 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1 01-251 1544			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Portfolio Cap	36.1	37.7e	5.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Grwth With Inc	50.0	54.9	6.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Private Port	53.4	57.9	4.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shenley Port	59.5	63.6	3.93
		Practical Investment Co Ltd, Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
122.4	60.1	Practical Inc	119.6	129.5	3.61
135.6	79.6	Do Accum (3)	157.0	169.3	3.61
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd, 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prolific	59.7	62.3	3.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do High Inc	70.3	75.5e	8.49
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers, Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 8222			
93.5	46.5	Prudential	90.0	95.5e	4.56
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
43.0	23.6	Opp Accum (3)	40.8	43.2	4.84
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717; Dealings to 01-554 8899; Erskine Hse, 69-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities			
54.7	34.8	Universal Grwth	52.6	56.3	2.97
49.9	22.7	Capital Accum	48.6	52.0	4.46
42.8	22.0	General	41.9	44.8e	2.97
47.6	21.9	High Return	46.4	49.7	7.80
62.2	41.0	Commodity	58.7	62.8	5.19
54.1	31.6	Energy	48.8	52.2	1.75
35.0	20.3	Financial	32.2	34.5	4.05
43.9	22.7	Prop & Build	41.9	44.9	3.44
88.8	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	85.0	90.0	2.59
83.8	37.6	Select Inc (9)	83.6	87.6e	6.82
187.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	164.9	173.4	6.81
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd			
29.6	17.1	Capital	27.5	29.5	2.57
64.3	36.9	Financial Secs	56.0	59.9e	2.75
22.2	10.9	Investment	21.0	22.5	3.72
77.1	52.9	Euro Growth‡	76.3	81.7e	1.39
70.5	49.3	Japan Growth‡	70.4	75.3	0.36
72.3	42.7	US Growth‡	64.8	69.4	0.96
33.8	18.2	General	34.1	36.5	4.50
43.9	22.2	High Yield	42.9	45.9	6.93
35.8	19.2	Income	34.9	37.4	8.06
		Scotbits Securities Ltd			
42.3	29.1	Scotbits	33.0	35.4	4.21
43.0	23.1	Scotyields	40.7	43.6	6.89
43.5	24.6	Scotgrowth	41.8	44.8e	4.67
43.4	22.2	Scotshares	38.4	41.3e	5.40
219.0	133.5	*Scotfunds*	205.1	215.9e	2.86
43.1	20.4	Scotincome	41.9	44.2	7.02
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd, 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-242 8252			
83.8	40.1	Capital (16)	73.5	76.1e	3.27
90.1	44.8	Do Accum	84.1	91.1	3.27
124.9	69.3	Income (16)	118.4	122.8e	7.46
160.6	89.3	Do Accum	155.6	161.4	7.46
54.6	34.0	General (3)	54.4	56.6	4.08
56.7	36.7	Do Accum	62.7	65.3	4.08
42.8	27.0	Europe (18)	33.3	35.4e	2.88
43.8	28.0	Do Accum	35.0	37.2	2.88
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd, 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
41.4	29.0	Equitable (2)	40.0	42.6	5.60
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd, 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
56.6	27.4	Assets	54.7	58.9	5.94
68.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	54.9	59.1e	3.07
26.9	15.7	Brit High Inc	21.9	23.5e	12.64
38.0	23.3	Capital Accum	36.4	39.2	3.54
40.0	21.2	Capital Grwth	27.0	29.0	5.84
41.0	23.8	Century	37.1	40.6	4.45
51.5	16.4	City of London	32.9	34.3	6.21
41.0	26.3	Comm Cons	33.9	36.5	4.02
68.1	40.1	Commodity	61.9	66.7e	5.97
43.4	26.7	Consolidated	39.4	42.4	4.30
35.4	19.9	Domestic	29.6	31.8e	9.71
54.7	65.4	Exempt	71.7	75.2e	8.55
41.0	19.2	Extra Income	27.3	29.3	10.36
21.2	18.8	Far East Fnd	18.5	19.9	3.40
38.7	20.9	Financial	31.7	34.1e	3.72
50.9	34.9	Gas Ind Power	45.4	49.0	3.77
35.1	18.9	General Fund	25.4	27.3	5.43
53.4	36.2	Global Growth	47.0	50.5	2.96
171.8	87.2	Gold & General	90.3	97.0e	5.39
62.5	35.7	Growth	57.6	62.0e	4.64
56.1	34.7	Hire Income	54.7	58.9	7.53
44.1	28.0	Hundred Secs	42.3	45.5e	5.26
47.8	27.6	Income Units	42.3	45.4	8.51
27.6	18.2	Int Consumer	19.8	21.2	3.88
39.0	21.7	Inv Tst Shares	36.0	38.8e	4.98
35.1	15.3	Invest Tst Units	22.6	24.2	3.93
[illegible]	18.2	Investors Gen	27.7	29.6	5.89
[illegible]	26.3	Do 2nd Gen	46.8	50.2	4.95
116.0	[illegible]	Minerals Tst	50.6	54.5e	5.87
16.2	41.4	Nat High Inc	58.9	63.4	8.14
[illegible]	31.5	Natural Res	48.0	51.7	5.70
[illegible]	20.2	New Issue	25.8	27.7	5.92
29.0	21.4	North American	23.8	25.6e	1.71
47.5	30.4	Plant & Gen	36.4	39.1	6.75
434.5	259.1	Professional	362.9	374.2	4.31
15.1	8.9	Property Shares	9.9	10.6	3.88
110.2	74.8	Provident Inv	96.9	102.0	4.88
59.3	29.1	Sent Trust	48.5	52.0	5.20
59.9	38.6	Security First	57.6	62.0	8.52
55.5	36.3	Shamrock	43.6	47.1	5.13
42.5	29.7	Shield	38.2	42.3e	5.29
21.5	13.8	Status Change	18.9	20.4	6.57
144.3	82.3	Unit 'D'	138.4	149.3e	4.09
95.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	90.0	96.8	4.83
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271			
66.8	26.2	American Fnd	41.5	44.0e	2.83
101.1	52.7	Brit Cap Fnd	94.0	102.0	2.77
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd, Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
132.5	100.0	Exempt Eq Tst	132.5	138.8	4.79
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
74.3	46.7	Family Fund	66.4	70.6	3.21
		Target Trust Managers Ltd, Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
27.4	15.1	Commodity	24.0	25.7e	5.63
33.8	21.4	Financial	49.5	52.5	4.92
24.4	18.5	Equity	30.5	32.6	6.23
150.8	81.1	Exempt	143.5	148.7e	6.18
181.2	94.4	Do Accum (2)	174.6	180.9	6.19
27.4	15.4	Growth	23.4	25.0	4.29
26.8	17.1	International	25.0	27.4	3.02
27.2	18.0	Do Re-invest	26.5	28.3	3.02
29.0	15.5	Investment	23.8	25.6	2.54
126.0	72.0	Professional (3)	116.9	122.4	5.42
30.1	11.0	Income	18.3	19.8	10.60
13.2	9.8	Preference	11.5	12.7	13.58
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd, 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
25.2	14.6	Eagle	23.2	24.8	3.34
30.9	16.8	Thistle	30.4	32.5e	6.44
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	44.4	47.2	3.84
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
32.5	15.6	General	31.4	34.6	3.94
36.6	17.8	Do Accum	37.3	39.9	3.94
59.4	45.9	Scottish	58.3	61.4	3.21
60.0	45.9	Do Accum	59.1	62.2	3.21
		Transatlantic & General Securities, 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
[illegible]		Barbican (3); Do Accum; Barrington Fnd; Do Accum; High Yield; Do Accum; Buckingham (4); Do Accum; Colemco; Do Accum; Endeavour; Glen Fund (2); Do Accum; G'chester* (5); Lda & Brussels; Marlborough; Do Accum; Merlin (2); Do Accum; Merlin Yield; Do Accum; Vang Growth (2); Do Accum; Vang High Yield; Wickmoor; Do Accum	[illegible]		
		Trident Funds, (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd), 140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
22.0	10.7	UK Growth Fnd	15.7	17.1e	5.21
39.0	21.0	*Income Fund*	33.1	35.2	10.48
31.5	19.4	Inc Wthdrwl	26.9	28.6e	..
51.0	31.7	Int Growth	44.3	47.8	3.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inter Growth	25.4	27.1	..
[illegible]	25.0	Mid Yield Fnd	[illegible]	26.6	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
85.4	43.2	Income (3)	83.4	87.6	6.64
135.4	65.8	Do Accum (3)	132.4	139.2	6.64
101.8	52.8	Capital (3)	91.6	96.2	4.23
122.6	66.4	Do Accum (3)	118.8	124.8	4.23
73.5	37.1	Canynge Fnd (3)	71.1	74.8	4.56
103.4	55.1	Do Accum (3)	101.4	106.6	4.56
89.6	43.0	Exempt* (40)	81.6	85.8	4.66
103.4	51.8	Do Accum (40)	101.9	106.2	4.66
194.6	100.2	Int Earn Fnd (3)	180.0	189.4	4.84
200.2	100.2	Do Accum (3)	195.8	205.6	4.84
		Tyndall National & Commercial, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
118.4	66.4	Income	118.4	124.0	5.71
147.4	80.0	Do Accum	147.4	154.2	5.71
102.6	53.2	Capital	94.4	98.8	3.80
113.2	56.8	Do Accum	108.0	113.0	3.80
		Unit Trust Account & Management, 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
105.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	105.0	111.0	6.45
25.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	21.5	22.7	4.74
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	23.1	24.3	4.74

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd, 1-3 St. Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111			
37.9	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	28.2	29.7	..
28.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	32.6	33.8	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Fund (37)	114.2	120.3	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (37)	111.7	117.6	..
71.1	37.8	Select Fund (3)	64.8	68.0	..
103.7	100.0	Conv Fund	109.7	115.5	..
103.8	100.0	Money Fund	103.8	109.3	..
145.4	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	120.1	126.5	..
62.3	31.3	Do Select (3)	58.8	61.9	..
106.9	100.0	Do Security	105.8	111.3	..
120.5	100.0	Do Managed	117.7	123.9	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd, 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
96.7	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	96.7	101.8	..
98.9	100.0	Do Accum	98.9	104.2	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	124.1	130.6	..
130.4	100.0	Do Accum	127.5	134.3	..
107.5	98.8	Property Fnd	95.4	100.4	..
97.7	100.0	Do Accum	97.7	102.9	..
97.2	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	97.2	102.3	..
99.7	100.0	Do Accum	99.7	104.9	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	115.4	121.5	..
119.6	100.0	Do Accum	117.9	124.1	..
99.1	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	99.1	104.3	..
101.7	100.0	Do Accum	101.7	107.0	..
98.2	100.0	Property Pen	98.2	103.4	..
100.9	100.0	Do Accum	100.9	106.2	..
101.1	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	101.1	106.4	..
103.7	100.0	Do Accum	103.7	109.2	..
123.5	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	121.3	127.7	..
126.4	100.0	Do Accum	124.4	130.9	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd, Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101			
112.4	100.0	Trind Man Bond	111.3	118.0	..
96.3	100.0	Do 'B'	96.8	102.2	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co, Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
89.0	66.0	Barclaybonds	89.1	93.8	..
		Beehive Life Assurance, 71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS 01-623 1288			
101.0	100.0	Black Horse Bnd	..	101.0	..
		Canada Life Assurance, 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Growth	..	44.2	..
104.3	53.2	Retirement	..	93.7	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.32	7.38	Equity Units	£ ..	12.06	..
115.0	67.0	Do Accum	..	113.0	..
77.0	48.0	Do Annuity	..	76.0	..
960.0	714.0	Prop Units	..	756.0	..
962.0	756.0	Do Accum	..	861.0	..
9.80	7.84	Exec Bal	£ ..	9.72	..
8.34	5.86	Exec Equity	£ ..	8.16	..
11.35	9.30	Exec Prop	£ ..	10.92	..
9.85	8.40	Bal Bond	£ 9.72	10.29	..
8.14	5.35	Equity Bond	£ 8.16	8.62	..
11.35	7.76	Prop Bond	£ 10.02	10.80	..
9.80	7.84	Bal Units	£ ..	9.72	..
96.0	100.0	Deposit Bnd	96.0	101.0	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA 01-684 9664; Valuation last working day of month.			
77.9	44.8	1st Units	77.9	81.7	..
50.9	45.8	Prop Units	47.7	50.0	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA 01-684 9664; Valuation last working day of month.			
49.1	41.5	W'minster Units	44.8	47.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Land Bank	..	59.2	..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	..	34.2	..
135.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	136.2	138.0	..
105.6	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	105.6	111.1	..
38.4	33.1	Equity Fnd	37.5	39.4	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
127.0	48.9	Performance	..	127.0	..
125.2	113.2	Balanced	125.2	131.7	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	..	100.0	..
		Commercial Union Group, St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
35.9	18.4	Variable An Acc	..	35.2	..
18.0	10.2	Do Annuity	..	13.2	..
		Cornhill Insurance, 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410; Valuation 15th of month.			
110.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	..	95.0	..
40.5	25.0	GS Special	..	39.0	..
137.5	85.0	Man Growth (23)	127.5	134.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
116.8	81.3	Crown Brit Inv	..	116.8	..
		Crusader Insurance, Roaring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031; Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.8	50.8	Crusader Prop	58.9	62.2	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance, PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.7	Eagle Units	37.6	39.0	6.74
40.7	23.8	Midland Units	37.0	39.0	6.74
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group, Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
168.4	131.9	Property Bond	132.2	137.7	..
107.9	59.9	Pen Man Bonds	107.9	113.6	..
		Hambro Life Assurance, 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	109.3	115.2	..
125.6	79.2	Equity	121.6	128.0	..
134.7	108.3	Property	121.0	127.4	..
109.2	73.1	Managed Cap	103.2	108.7	..
113.9	90.7	Do Accum	112.8	119.3	..
142.5	134.0	Pen Prop Cap	140.8	148.3	..
162.9	161.9	Do Accum	165.9	174.7	..
148.0	121.0	Pen Man Cap	145.5	153.2	..
174.0	137.8	Do Accum	171.7	180.7	..
113.5	100.0	Pen FI Cap	113.7	119.7	..
119.3	100.0	Do Accum	118.2	124.4	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.8	Property Bond	30.1	31.8	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd, NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon 01-686 4355			
130.5	131.8	HS Prop Units	124.1	130.4	..
125.1	76.4	Fortune Man (5)	123.1	129.6	..
104.9	100.0	Money Fnd	104.9	110.4	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd, 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
49.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	47.0	49.5	..
58.1	40.0	Takeover	55.5	58.4	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Cons High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada, Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
48.0	36.2	Growth Fnd (5)	47.9	52.0	..
44.1	30.8	Pension Fnd	42.2	45.8	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
10.0	10.0	Equities	98.4	103.6	..
110.0	105.5	Fixed Int	117.0	121.0	..
114.4	95.4	Managed	113.5	119.5	..
107.3	105.2	Property	107.2	113.0	..
109.8	100.0	Money Fund	102.6	108.0	..
118.6	98.2	King & Shaxson	104.8	109.0	..
100.2	93.7	Do Gov Sec Bd	96.2	103.2	..
104.6	*78.0*	*Commodity*	78.2	80.2	..
101.9	92.0	Growth	101.6	107.3	..
106.6	93.4	Capital	105.3	110.8	..
101.0	87.1	Income	101.0	106.4	..
120.5	100.0	International	116.0	124.3	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance, 9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 3897			
107.6	59.5	Lion Equity	..	87.5	..
113.3	76.9	Do Accum	..	106.5	..
63.2	48.3	Lion Man Grwth	53.3	56.3	..
81.8	43.4	Do Cap	45.7	48.3	..
80.1	53.5	Lion Prop Fnd	..	58.2	..
79.1	46.1	Lion High Yield	..	60.7	..
116.1	81.8	Do Equity Pen	..	113.4	..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	..	63.2	..
77.9	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	..	71.9	..
		Irish Life Assurance, 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
157.9	136.9	Prop Modules	131.4	138.3	5.70
137.7	137.9	Do Grwth (31)	133.6	140.6	5.70
138.0	100.0	Managed Fnd	137.6	144.8	..
57.7	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	57.7	59.7	4.50
		Langham Life Assurance, Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
136.8	105.6	Property Bond	109.4	115.1	..
30.9	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	..	28.8	..
84.2	38.2	Midas Bond (34)	36.3	38.2	..
84.2	36.3	Capital Accum	..	38.3	..
59.0	52.9	*WISP (SpecMan)*	59.0	62.0	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
30.0	21.5	Secure Ret	30.0	32.0	..
30.5	18.0	Select Inv	26.0	27.5	..
23.0	18.0	Do 2nd	19.5	21.0	..
25.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	23.0	25.0	..
24.0	16.5	Equity Fnd	19.5	21.0	..
102.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	102.5	108.5	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd, 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
140.0	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	140.0	..
98.5	69.3	Opt 5 Equity	91.6	96.5	..
106.1	100.0	Do Property	106.1	111.7	..
113.8	94.7	Do High Yield	112.5	118.5	..
107.9	99.8	Do Managed	107.9	113.6	..
104.8	100.0	Do Deposit	104.8	110.3	..
112.2	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	112.2	118.2	..
183.7	143.5	Do Equity Fnd	183.7	193.4	..
123.1	100.0	Do FI Fnd	122.6	129.1	..
132.3	100.0	Do Man Fnd	132.3	139.3	..
108.4	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	108.4	114.4	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance, Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
30.8	17.3	Manulife (5)	30.2	31.7	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance, 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
112.7	102.7	Conv Dep Bnd	..	112.7	..
111.9	100.0	Do Pension	..	111.9	..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	..	45.9	..
142.3	91.1	Do Pension	..	124.1	..
113.3	79.4	Managed Bond	..	79.7	..
100.3	85.2	Do Pension	..	93.0	..
118.7	101.2	Money Market	..	108.0	..
126.0	100.0	Do Pension	..	120.2	..
150.8	97.0	Property Bond	..	110.2	..
143.1	94.1	Do Pension	..	109.0	..
		M & G Assurance, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
97.9	59.6	Equity Bond (4)	90.3	94.9	..
77.0	41.6	Do Bonus	59.6	62.7e	..
83.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	72.3	75.9	..
118.2	66.9	Fam Bnd 1076	..	118.2	..
103.8	86.9	Do 1977-80	..	95.1	..
120.6	70.7	Do 1981-86	..	118.5	..
98.1	67.5	Managed Bonds	97.3	102.3	..
43.6	29.4	Mirror Bonds	..	43.0	..
139.5	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	125.4	129.2	..
138.9	109.4	Prop Fnd (4)	111.3	116.9	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
136.8	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	134.9	142.0	..
210.7	99.1	Do Equity (3)	206.5	217.4	..
100.3	100.0	Do Prop (3)	99.3	104.5	..
106.0	98.0	Do Fix Int (3)	98.8	104.0	..
128.5	54.3	Do Units (35)	..	125.5	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd, 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
93.9	100.0	Prop Acc Units	93.9	100.7	..
93.9	100.7	Prop Dist Units	93.9	100.7	..
		Phoenix Assurance, 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	58.2	Wealth Assured	84.3	88.8	..
55.7	35.5	Ebor Phx Ass (2)	..	55.7	..
57.0	39.0	Ebor Phx Eq (3)	57.0	59.9	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co, 119 Crawford St, London, W1 01-486 0857			
178.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	..	148.1	..
115.0	69.6	Do Bal Ag Bnd	..	69.8	..
100.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	..	99.2	..
93.1	68.1	Do Managed	..	69.1	..
102.7	65.2	Do Equity Fnd	..	69.7	..
115.0	100.0	Do Flex Mny	..	115.6	..
		Property Growth Assurance, 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0351			
176.0	141.3	Prop Growth (29)	..	151.5	..
291.0	460.0	All Bond (29)	..	478.0	..
130.5	122.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	..	131.3	..
55.4	48.6	Shenley Inv (29)	..	53.3	..
137.8	100.0	Equity Fnd	..	135.6	..
121.0	100.0	Money Fnd	..	121.0	..
139.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	..	115.2	..
126.0	103.5	Immed Ann (31)	..	115.0	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
110.3	90.0	All-Weather Ac	104.8	110.3	..
108.0	88.3	Do Capital	102.6	108.0	..
110.1	97.0	Investment Fnd	..	110.1	..
109.0	88.0	Pension Fnd	..	109.0	..
109.7	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	102.7	..
109.1	107.1	Do Pen Cap	..	108.1	..
109.1	102.4	Man Pen Fnd	..	109.1	..
109.1	108.1	Do Pen Cap	..	109.1	..
109.0	102.4	Prop Pen Fnd	..	109.0	..
109.0	109.0	Do Pen Cap	..	109.0	..
100.9	100.0	Bldg Soc Pen	..	100.9	..
100.6	100.0	Do Capital	..	100.6	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd, Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.32	8.37	Equity	£ 16.65	17.16	..
12.33	10.01	Fixed Int	£ 11.75	12.03	..
19.00	16.46	Property	£ 18.00	18.56	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	136.6	Rel Prop Bnd	..	151.6	..
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
96.7	79.3	Balanced Bond	95.7	101.3	..
92.8	54.7	Equity Bnd	91.0	96.3	..
22.0	13.6	Mint Bond (4)	21.0	22.3	..
124.3	100.3	Prop Fnd (30)	114.3	121.0	..
		Schroder Life Group, Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
99.6	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	99.6	105.0	..
105.4	100.0	Fixed Interest	105.5	109.9	..
98.0	94.0	Flexible Fnd	97.0	102.0	..
159.7	87.1	Equity Fnd	..	159.7	..
159.7	98.6	Do 2nd Ser	..	159.7	..
160.6	100.0	Exec Pen Cap	154.5	162.7	..
100.4	100.0	Do Accum	..	100.6	..
145.8	100.0	Pen Fnd Cap	..	145.8	..
151.7	100.0	Do Accum	143.7	151.3	..
107.4	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	107.0	112.7	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance, 9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1201			
235.0	105.7	Inv Policy	220.8	230.6	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd, 30 Uxbridge Rd, W12. 01-749 9111			
79.2	50.0	Sel Market Fnd	73.3	77.0	..
47.8	47.5	Do Capital	44.0	46.4	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co, PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
91.9	41.5	Unit Endowmt	..	91.0	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd, 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
143.2	70.7	Maple Leaf (3)	..	140.1	..
131.1	102.9	Personal Pens	..	131.6	..
		Target Life Assurance, Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
100.4	100.0	Deposit Inc	97.1	102.3	..
107.4	99.2	Fixed Interest	97.0	102.6	..
96.2	69.2	Man Fnd Acc	95.5	101.1	..
93.1	58.6	Do Income	86.0	91.0	..
130.0	86.0	Prop Bnd Inc	..	91.0	..
88.5	80.7	Do Income	91.6	97.3	..
143.0	94.0	Do Accum	..	103.0	..
53.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	48.8	52.2	..
61.4	35.5	Do Accum	54.1	58.3	..
95.0	100.0	Ret Plan Acc	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Do Cap	95.0	100.0	..
		Trident Life, Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	81.0	Trident Man	104.6	110.2	..
120.1	93.5	Do Guar Man	115.6	121.8	..
110.8	102.0	Do Property	110.5	116.4	..
90.0	58.5	Do Equity	79.3	83.6	..
113.8	98.8	Do High Yield	111.0	117.0	..
105.3	100.0	Do Money	105.3	110.9	..
112.0	100.0	Do Fiscal Fnd	106.0	112.0	..
41.5	28.5	Do Bonds	38.5	41.5	..
112.0	98.8	Gilt Edged (?)	..	89.20	..
96.4	100.0	Int Money Fnd	96.4	101.6	..
		Tyndall Assurance, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (40)	..	82.2	..
125.8	76.4	3 Way Fnd (40)	..	98.0	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd, 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
153.5	75.0	Equity Fnd	150.6	158.6	..
114.5	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	114.5	120.8	..
108.0	100.0	Property Fnd	108.0	113.7	..
102.7	93.6	Cash Fund	102.7	108.2	..
109.7	73.9	Managed Fnd	105.2	110.8	..
		Welfare Insurance, The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
151.5	100.0	Capital Grwth	..	149.1	..
84.4	71.7	Flexible Fnd	..	77.4	..
102.7	81.5	Inv Fnd	..	101.8	..
121.9	88.3	Prop Fnd	..	68.4	..
98.7	71.4	Money Maker	..	73.4	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd, 1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 25561			
96.0	55.7	Capital Trust	96.0	99.0	1.80
95.5	99.6	Eastern Int	93.0	100.0	..
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd, PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37806			
105.8	60.3	Europ'n Ster Tst	105.8	112.0	3.93
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd, Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37806			
46.6	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	46.6	44.3	12.62
10.0	9.9	Unidollar Tst $	9.7	10.3	5.00
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd, 30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
66.1	34.8	Unicorn Aus Ext	50.5	53.7	3.50
27.1	13.0	Do Aus Min	27.1	29.0e	2.00
46.6	34.5	Do Int Income	37.4	40.0e	9.50
50.4	40.0	Do Isle of Man	46.3	48.8	9.40
43.0	30.7	*Do Manx Mut*	20.8	22.2	2.20
155.9	87.0	Do Great Pac	121.5	139.9	..
		Brandts & Grindley (Jersey) Ltd, PO Box 50, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	108.0	117.0e	6.08
150.0	88.0	Do Accum	..	133.0	142.0e	4.93
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.84	53.23	O'seas Fnd	$ ..	64.95	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd, 80 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
829.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	796.0	982.0e	2.00
632.0	518.0	Canadian Fnd	603.0	687.0e	1.84
308.0	238.0	Canadian Inv	309.0	347.0	2.10
231.0	140.0	Div Shares	205.9	234.0	3.05
137.0	489.0	Ny Venture Fnd	701.0	797.0	1.48
		Charterhouse Japhet, 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
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25.10	18.90	Fondis	DM 23.50	24.80	7.25
69.22	54.50	Hispano	$ 58.91	61.88	1.97
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd, PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	143.5	156.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey), 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 30591			
195.1	111.5	Channel Cap	191.6	201.7	3.0
105.0	64.6	Channel Isles	102.3	107.7	3.2
		Eurosyndicat Group, Agents, N. M. Rothschild and Sons, New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1.798	1.382	Eurunion Luxfr	1.731	1.800e	4.1
539.0	253.0	Fin Union Luxfr	320.0	333.9	4.1
		First General Unit Managers, 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 68006			
50.3	34.2	Bnk f Ist Gen (3)	48.9	52.8	4.1
116.4	100.3	Do Gilt (2)	110.4	114.8	10.1
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd, PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
115.9	62.9	Channel Isle	105.8	112.5e	5.1
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 45 South St, Eastbourne BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
111.1	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	99.1	103.5	..
105.7	100.0	Do Equity	105.7	112.5	..
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd, Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.42	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.32	1.38	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd, 4 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
23.0	17.4	Int Income (3)	20.0	21.3e	8
60.3	27.9	Do Growth (10)	60.3	64.1	2
		M & G Group, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
96.6	55.8	Island Fnd (3)	85.3	88.9	3
130.6	70.1	Do Accum †	112.1	115.6	3
1.88	1.29	Atlantic Exp	$ 1.64	1.77	..
2.26	1.30	Aust & Gen	$ 1.61	1.66	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd, PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
45.4	36.8	Old Ct Eq (34)	39.0	41.3	..
103.9	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	94.0	100.3	..
202.3	84.1	Smaller Co's	191.2	207.8	8
		Oliver Beath & Co, 31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624 823			
109.5	61.9	Brit Conv Tst	96.7	100.7	14
104.7	75.0	Cap Sec'd Res	69.3	73.0	5
116.8	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	104.2	109.7	6
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK			
125.3	110.0	Gib Inv Tst	116.1	124.9	5
135.5	59.1	Key Cits Inv	101.3	107.7	..
79.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	63.4	68.3	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd, 2 Grange Pl, St Peter Port, Guernsey 0481 26			
69.9	52.3	Worldwide	..	67.6	..
		Slater Walker (Jersey) Ltd, 2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37			
238.9	135.7	Growth Inv	221.6	238.4	2
67.3	43.0	Int'l Fnd	56.8	61.2	5
113.2	100.0	Jersey Energy	109.7	116.6	1
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd, PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.03	0.43	Offshore	$ 0.52	0.55	..
		Tyndall Group, PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.27	0.91	O'seas Dist (3)	$ 1.12	1.16	8
1.36	1.12	Do Accum (3)	$ 1.41	1.55	6
2.75	1.88	3 Way Int (40)	$ ..	2.24	..
		Tyndall Group, 43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
100.0	76.6	Int Man Fnd (40)	81.8	86.0	..
10.60	5.65	O'seas Ster (3)	£ 7.20	7.59	6
12.45	7.00	Do Accum (3)	£ 9.40	9.95	6

* Ex dividend. ‡ Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. x Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Ex dividend. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) Dec 17. (9) Dec 15. (10) Dec 31. (16) Jan 1. (18) Dec 12. (19) Dec 18. (20) Dec 31. (16) Dec 8. (18) Dec 9. (19) Dec 18. (20) 1st of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 28th of month. 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 2nd and 3rd Thursday. 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd of month. (26) month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) Last Thursday. Wednesday of month. (28) Last Wednesday of month. (30) 15th of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 29th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 1st of month. Last working day of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	50	Assam Frontier	90	..	11.0	12.2	..
54	25	Assam Inv	46	..	4.6	10.0	..
[illegible]	27	Camellia Inv	63	..	[illegible]	3.6	..
[illegible]	20	Cholmace	50	..	[illegible]	15.3	..
[illegible]	12	Deundi	16	..	..	..	..
170	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
[illegible]	65	Jokai	118	..	11.0	9.3	..
[illegible]	45	McLeod Russel	125	● ..	9.0	7.2	..
[illegible]	50	Moran	102	..	8.0	8.5	..
21	22	Ouvah Highlnds	29	● ..	2.4	8.3	..
[illegible]	17½	Peacock Sadal	25	..	4.2	16.8	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Stn India	25	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	15	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	59	Warren Tea	73	..	9.1	12.5	..
[illegible]	36	Williamson Hldgs	66	..	6.9	10.2	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12¼	7¾	AutomationBty	£10½	+½	25.0	2.5	16.9
20	5	Antofagasta	£12	..	..	..	7.5
45	12	Calcutta Elec	25	..	9.0	36.0	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7%	£41	+1	700	17.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Essex Wtr 5%	£31½	-½	500	15.9	..
[illegible]	46	Felixstowe Dock	124	h ..	10.0	8.1	12.8
395	119¼	Imp Cont Gas	370	..	12.3b	3.3	22.9
130	119	LET Hldgs	118	h ..	3.1	2.7	..
37½	27	Mid Kent Wtr	£31½	-½	500	15.9	..
[illegible]	25	Milford Docks	47	..	..	..	4.9
[illegible]	58	Nigerian Elec	142	..	15.0b	10.6	..
33½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31½	..	500	15.9	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	85	Brit & Comm	197	● +1	11.6	6.0	8.9
95	60	Fisher J.	85	..	3.6	4.2	4.4
250	103	Furness Withy	184	..	9.8	5.3	4.2
310	75	Hunting Gibson	142	..	13.9a	9.5	4.6
42½	11	Jacobs J. I.	23½	+1¼	..	..	6.4
68½	17	Ldn & O'seas Fr	36½	-½	5.0	13.6	1.3
225	77	Manch Liners	225	..	7.7	3.4	6.2
140	50	Ocean Trans	132½	+1½	9.8a	7.4	13.5
134	75	P & O 'Dfd'	106	..	8.1	7.6	..
121	63½	Runciman W.	119	f +1	10.1	8.7	5.3

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 05.12.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	152.77	6.39	21.79	151.72
Largest Coys.	151.87	6.28	21.29	151.06
Smaller Coys.	155.66	6.58	21.47	153.16
Capital Goods	158.27	6.62	21.50	156.71
Consumer Goods	174.92	6.34	10.99	173.42
Store Shares	130.88	6.64	7.25	130.05
Largest financial shares	184.58	5.58	—	181.77
Largest financial and industrial shares	158.08	6.09	—	157.33
Commodity shares	224.87	4.44	20.71	221.18
Gold Mining shares	463.79	7.24	20.46	461.34
Industrial debenture stocks	77.12	5.05*	—	77.06
Industrial preference stocks	50.21	14.68*	—	50.19
3½% War Loan	23½	15.0*	—	23½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	195.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	156.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.38 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	193.33 (12.01.73)	120.09 (14.12.73)
1972	195.47 (15.08.72)	174.45 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

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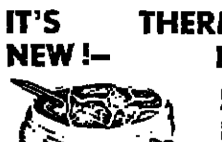
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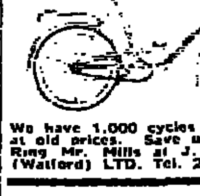
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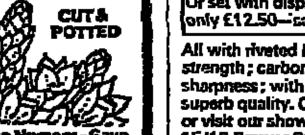
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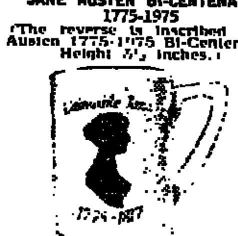
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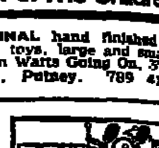
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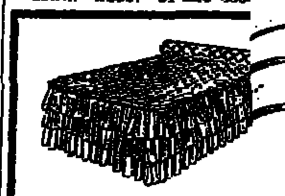


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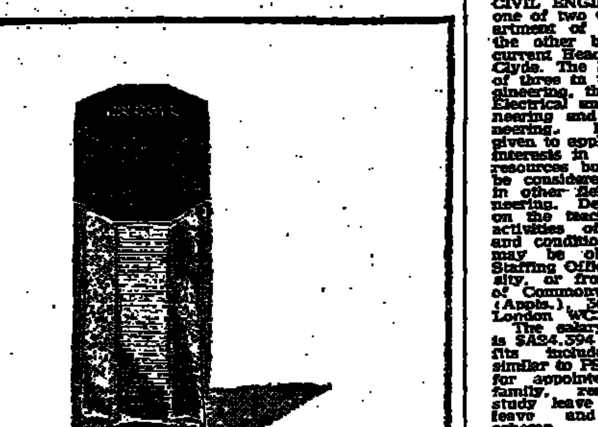
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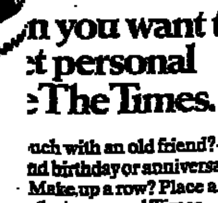
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GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
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THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO is embarking upon a programme of water supply improvements collectively known as the Caroni-Arena Water Supply Project. It is expected that the Inter-American Development Bank will be involved in the financing of the project.

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		SCHEDULED AWARD	END OF CONSTRUCTION
(i)	Pumped Storage Complex	July 1976	April 1979
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The Central Tenders Board hereby invites applications from experienced Firms wishing to prequalify for inclusion in the List of contractors who will be invited to tender for these contracts.

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Completed prequalification forms must however be returned not later than Thursday, 18th December, 1975, to:—
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REUSS, ALBERT, of "Arra", Saltponds, Mousehole, Penzance, Cornwall, died 4th November, 1975, particulars to Borlasse and Venning, 10 Alverton Terrace, Penzance, Cornwall, before 28th February, 1976.

SANFORD, WILLIAM CHARLES AYSHFORD, of Chipley Park, Langford Budville, Wellington, Somerset, died 6th April, 1974. Particulars to Frere Cholmeley & Co., Solicitors, 28 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3HH, before 12th February, 1976.

WASHER, ALBERT ALEXANDER, of 37 Priory Avenue, Chingford, London, E.4, died on 9th September, 1975.—Particulars to Elfords, Solicitors of 33 Savile Row, London W1X 1AG, before the 27th February, 1976.

WILSON, ETHEL MARGARET, of 1, Oak Lane, Barston, Solihull, Warwickshire, formerly of Mill House, Ham Green, near Redditch, Worcestershire, died 22nd October, 1975, particulars to Browning and Co., Solicitors, 10 Market Place, Redditch, Worcestershire, before 13th February, 1976.

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Dated this 3rd day of December 1975

P. NICHOLSON SMITH.
Chairman.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 003860 of 1975

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Registrar Dearbergh in the Matter of L'AIR LIQUIDE (UK) Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 21st day of November 1975 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the capital of the above-named Company from £3,000,000 to £1,656,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the said Company.

And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Oliver at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2, on Monday the 15th day of December 1975.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 4th day of December 1975

TURNER PEACOCK 12 Bedford Row London WC1R 4DN Solicitors for the said Company Ref: NJT/17.

No. 003548 of 1975

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division in the Matter of THAMES INVESTMENT & SECURITIES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 28th October 1975 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £2,000,000 to £1,973,130.

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Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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SUBURBAN & CITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY Limited

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above company will be held at 11 o'clock in Room 10-25a at the offices of Price Waterhouse & Co., Southwark Towers, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SY, on 19 December 1975 for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1975

S. W. FLINN,
Chairman.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

TOKENGATE INVESTMENT COMPANY Limited Registered Number 125159 England.

Notice to holders of share warrants in the above named company.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be HELD at 44 Hill Street London W1X 7FR on the 31st day of DECEMBER 1975 at 3 p.m. to consider the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1975, to DECLARE a DIVIDEND, to re-elect Directors, to fix the remuneration of the Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
S. H. PALFREMAN,
Secretary.

Notes:—

1. The bearer of a share warrant may at any time deposit the warrant at the registered office of the Company address as above. Provided that the warrant is deposited at least two clear days before the time fixed for the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, then so long as the warrant remains so deposited the depositor shall have the same right of attending and voting and exercising the other privileges of a member at the meeting as if his name were inserted in the register of members as the holder of the shares included in the deposited warrant.

2. Not more than one person shall be recognized as depositor of a share warrant.

3. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above-written Notice is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Forms of proxy are available at the registered office of the Company for collection by depositors of the share warrants and will be sent forthwith upon deposit to bearers of share warrants who deposit their warrants by post.

4. Forms of proxy should be deposited with the company's registrars Oakfield Registrars Limited, Granby House, 98 Southwark Street, London SE1 0JA, at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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Notice is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Ordinary Shares of the above Company will be CLOSED from 8th December 1975 to 12th December 1975 (inclusive).

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GOLBERG.—On 26th November to Bernice (nee Finn) and Daniel Golberg—a son (Adam William).

GUETERBOCK.—On 4th December, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Dido (nee Townsend) and Anthony—a daughter (Philippa), sister for Tom and Robert.

HEGARTY.—On December 4th, to Irene and Brendan—a son.

NEWBY.—On December 1st, at Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Jacqueline (nee de Zurich) and Andrew—a daughter (Annabel).

SHORTRIDGE.—On 2nd December, at Shrewsbury, to Diana (nee Gordon) and Jon—a daughter (Clare).

SWIFT.—On December 4th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane and John—a son.

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MARRIAGES

ASHBY : HELKAVAARA.—On December 4th, 1975, in London, Julian Charles, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Ashby, of Horsted Keynes, Sussex, to Leena, daughter of Mrs. Helkavaara, of Helsinki.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER.—On the 5th day of December, 1975, Renee Victoria Mary Lloyd Alexander, daughter of the late Mrs Lousanda Lloyd of Phugatt Corwen, North Wales, widow of Major R. G. Alexander, Probyn's Horse, Indian Army, aged 88. Cremation private at Reading Crematorium on Wednesday, December 10th, at 2 p.m. Interment at Carrog Church, North Wales, Friday, December 19th. No flowers or mourning.

BAILLON.—On November 22nd, in the city of Buenos Aires, Gerald Wolstan, after a courageous struggle against cancer. Much-loved husband of Margot Fradrich Baillon.

BAIN.—On December 3rd, at home, 17, Queensway, Moorgate, Donald, aged 43, the dearly loved husband of Doreen, dear father of Kevin, Yvonne, Martin and Jeremy, grandfather of Charlotte. Service on Monday, December 8th, at 3.15 p.m., at Kimberworth Parish Church, followed by cremation at 3 p.m.

BOYD.—On 4th December, 1975, passed peacefully away at his home, Clifford Henry Boyd, aged 91. Greatly missed by family and friends. No flowers, please.

BURGESS.—On December 4th, 1975, at Forester Hill Hospital, Aberdeen, James Burgess (retired Bank Manager), late of Bardon House, Rothes. Funeral Service at Rothes Parish Church on Tuesday, December 9th, at 2.00 p.m., thereafter to Rothes Churchyard. All friends respectfully invited.

BUTCHART. — On December 5th, at Hill House, Wallington, Oxfordshire, peacefully in his 93rd year, Hugh Duncan Butchart. Funeral December 10th, Wallington Parish Church, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers by request.

CALCRAFT.—On December 4th at Pretoria, South Africa, Winifred Louise (nee Byford Jones, nee Dawson).

CROWTHER. — On 5th December, Margaret Ramsden (Peggy), of Reinwood, Huddersfield, wife of the late Philip Dyson Crowther. Funeral service at St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, Huddersfield, on Tuesday, 9th December, at 3 p.m., followed by interment at Edgerton Cemetery, for family and close friends. Flowers may be sent to the Chapel of Rest, Crowther & Wilkinson Ltd., Marsh, Huddersfield.

DAY.—On December 4th, peacefully, in her sleep, in her 89th year, Elsie, widow of Major Sam Day and dearly loved mother of Marigold and grandmother of Buzzy, Geoffrey and Rowena. Funeral private.

DRUKER, CYRIL.—On November 27th, from cardiac arrest, Cyril (Pamy), younger son of Sarah and Morris Druker, formerly of 439, Papanui Road, Christchurch, New Zealand. No 15028, 2nd N.Z.E.F., 23rd Rifle Battalion. Dearest Pamy, always loving and remembering—from Minnie, Dr. Jane, Ashe, and all New Zealand friends.

FAIRCLOUGH.—On 5th December, peacefully, at his home, "Orchard Holme", Priest Hutton, Carnforth, James Fairclough F.R.I.C.S., aged 76 years, beloved husband of Margaret and very dear father of Roger, Joan and Iain.

GLASIER.—On 3rd December, Julia (nee Cargan), beloved wife of Tony, of Crossways, Mildenhall, Suffolk. Funeral private. Family flowers only, but donations appreciated to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Lloyds Bank, Mildenhall.

GULLETT, GEOFFREY HOWARD.—On December 2nd, peacefully, at home, aged 35. Memorial service 1.15 p.m., December 9th, Hendon Baptist Church, Finchley Lane, N.W.4. Private cremation 2.00 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Mr Gravatt, 47A, Finchley Lane, N.W.4.

HAY OF HAYFIELD.—Everild beloved wife of captain John Hay of Hayfield died at home peacefully in her sleep on December 4th, after a short illness. Funeral at St Congans Church, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 8th.

HUNTER-BROWN.—On December 4th, passed peacefully away, Lucy Alice, aged 82, formerly of Rottingdean, Sussex. The loving mother of Barbara and dear grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service and cremation at Loughborough Crematorium on Monday, December 8th, at 12 noon. Enquiries and flowers to G. E. Gamble and Sons, 57 High St., Syston, Gloucester. Tel. Syston 2379.

JOSEPHS.—On 4th December, 1975, peacefully, in a nursing home, Louis Josephs, of Old House, Angmering Village, Sussex, aged 74 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy, loving father of Ian Josephs and Dierdre Sanders, and fond grandfather. Cremation private.

MITCHELL. — On December 4th, 1975, at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, Ruth Ina Patrick, of Halton, Lawhead Road East, St. Andrews. Beloved wife of the late John Methven Mitchell (formerly County Clerk of Fife). Funeral private. No flowers please.

MURTON.—On December 4th, 1975, suddenly, after a long illness at King Edward VII hospital, Midhurst, Major Marshall Murton, son of the late John Murton, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and latterly of The New Somerset Hotel, Bath Rd., Bournemouth. Cremation will take place on Wednesday, December 10th, at 3.30 p.m. at Guildford Crematorium.

PAUL.—On December 5th, 1975, at St. John's Convent, Kiln Green, Father Joseph Paul, S.J., aged 94 years. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, December 10th, at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Wolvercote Cemetery.

PIMM, GRACE VICTORIA.—On December 2nd at Ashtead, aged 88, widow of William, loved by many including her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. "Love never faileth". Funeral at Ashtead Free Church on Tuesday, 9th December, at 2.30 p.m.

PULSFORD.—On 4th December, 1975, peacefully, at home, Major Henry Eric Pulsford, C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.Inst.F. (C.E.G.B.), beloved husband of Mary and dearly loved by Michael, Hugh, and David, an honourable colleague to many both at home and overseas. Service at Knowle Parish Church on Friday, 12th December, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation or Electrical Benevolent Fund c/o Lloyds Bank, Knowle, Solihull.

REYNOLDS.—On December 4th, 1975, passed peacefully away, at his home, Acton Vean, Rosudgeon, Penzance, Thomas, aged 83 years, beloved husband of Connie and loving father of all his children. Funeral at All Saints Church, Marazion, on Monday, 8th December, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Chapel of Rest, North Rd., Goldsithney.

RUSSELL.—On 3rd December, 1975, Albert Edward (Ted), dearly loved husband of Penny, and the late Maggie, dear father of Winnie, Kitty and David. Private funeral. Family flowers only. Memorial service at St. Leonards Church, Aldrington, Hove, at 11 a.m., Saturday, 20th December.

SUMNER-FERGUSSON.—On 4th December, 1975, tragically, as a result of a road accident, Clare, of Brook Cottage, Hornighold, Leicestershire, dearly beloved wife of Howard and loved daughter of Mrs. Norah Roberts. Fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. R.I.P. Requiem mass at our Lady of Victories, Roman Catholic Church, Market Harborough, on Tuesday, 9th December, at 11.30 a.m., followed by private interment. Further enquiries to J. Stamp & Sons, Funeral Directors, Market Harborough. Telephone 3524.

TODHUNTER.—On 4th December, 1975, Agnes Mary (Betty), much loved wife of Brigadier E. J. Todhunter, of The Glebe House, Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire. Private funeral. Memorial service at St. Mary the Virgin, Great Bedwyn, on Sunday, 4th January, at 3 p.m.

TRAIN.—On December 5th, peacefully, at Saint Raphael Nursing Home, Molly, much-loved mother of Pauline, Ian and Margaret. Funeral, Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Wednesday, 10th December, 12.30. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to Saint Raphael, Danehill, Sussex. Please, no letters.

WILLIS.—On December 4th, 1975, Charles Armine, C.B.E., aged 94, at 3 Land House, Oxon, Retired Sudan Political Service. Known as Uncle Chunkie to nieces, nephew and friends. Letters to Erica Schumacher, Blue Cottage, Upton, near Didcot. Funeral, Oxford Crematorium, Thursday, 11 December, at 11.30. Enquiries to Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

WORSTER.—On 4th December, at her home, Laburnum Cottage, Pheasants Hill, Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames, quite suddenly, after taking her dogs for a walk, Jane Hilda, the much loved mother of Michael and friend to many. Cremation private at her own request.

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BANFIELD, G. J., LT.-COL.—My adored George, tomorrow, December 7th, your birthday and every day, the precious memory of our long years of wonderful happiness together, is with me always, my darling.—Gabrielle. "Loved with a love beyond all telling."

CADOGAN.—6th December, 1970. 5th Anniversary Primrose, Countess Cadogan. Beloved "P", remembered almost daily by a host of friends whose lives were enriched by her gaiety, love and generosity and finally by the example of her courage.

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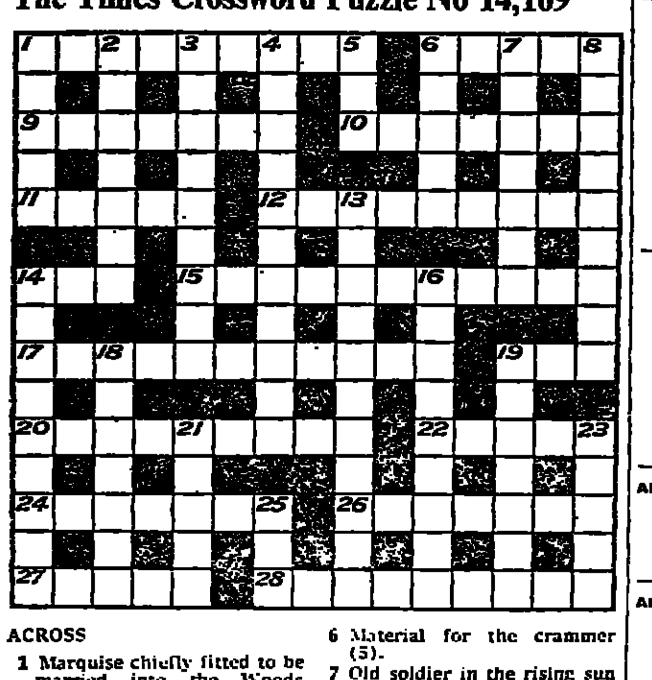
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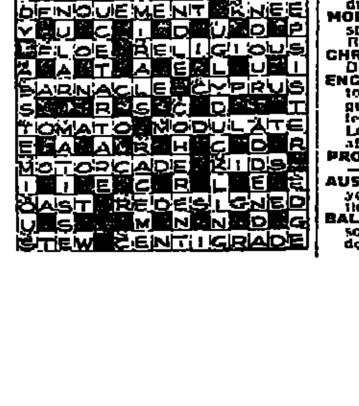
ACROSS

1 Marquise chiefly fitted to be married into the Woods (9).
6 Shakespearian command to make pack animals back (5).
9 A pace to stimulate the memory ? (3-4).
10 Mrs Bentley this was Estella (7).
11 Noise of bells without beginning or end (3).
12 Rule of the Bar (3, 2, 4).
14 John's colour to ken (3).
15 Preferential grade (11).
17 Novel pulpit (5-6).
19 Nearly a kiss in the coach (3).
20 After-bathe avenger (9).
22 O Mrs Jacob is so short of spinach-substitute (5).
24 School money East goes without (7).
26 Hoy, there (7).
27 It's a giggle (5).
28 Such countless chickens (9).

DOWN

1 Adult officer (5).
2 She whose art conceals art (7).
3 A revolutionary admission (9).
4 Stunning tableware (11).
5 Feel like going to bed when the Spaniard is getting up (3).
6 Material for the crammer (5).
7 Old soldier in the rising sun (7).
8 An enclosure takes numbers of mounts (9).
13 Tippler who does a moonlight flit (7-4).
14 Nuclear threat causes land in France to enter depression (9).
16 A bumper for those on the plane (3-6).
18 Flushed gleaner in Cornwall (7).
19 All things doth charity (7).
21 Dodge Anno Domini being seen in the dusk ? (5).
23 Clad in jet-set tights ? (5).
25 Copy this bird when it's dead (3).

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